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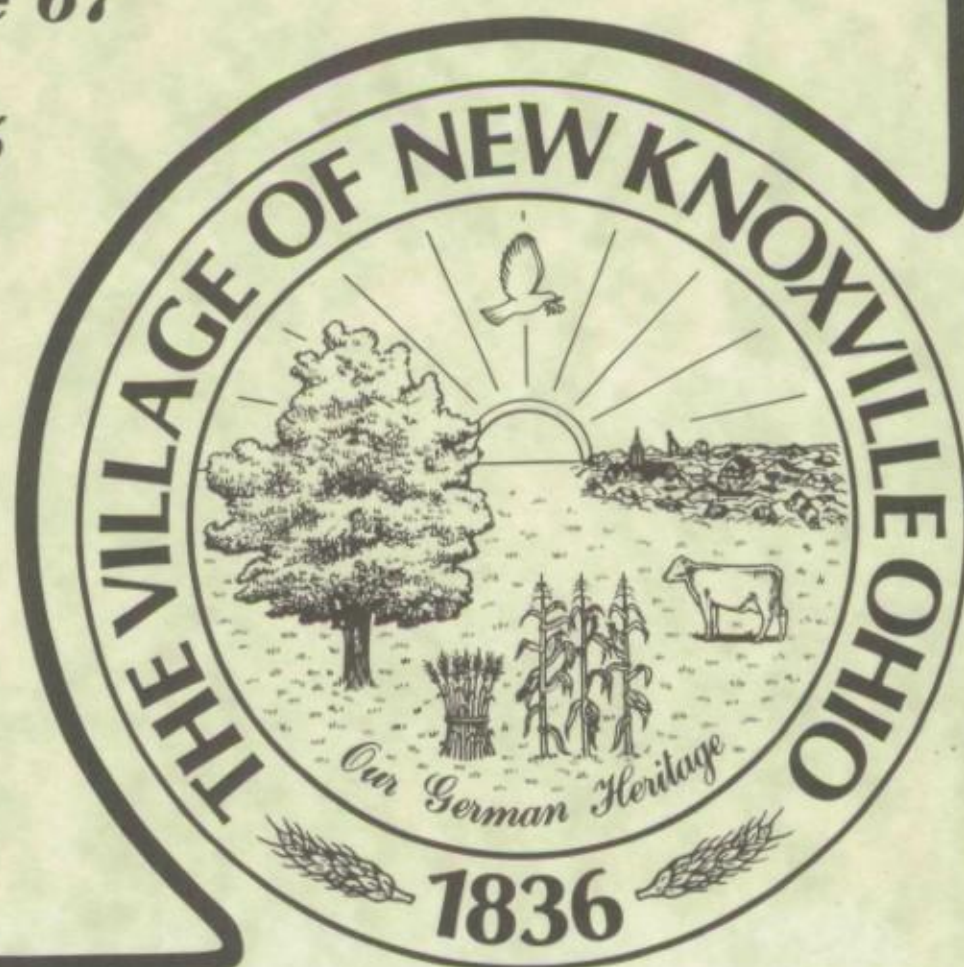
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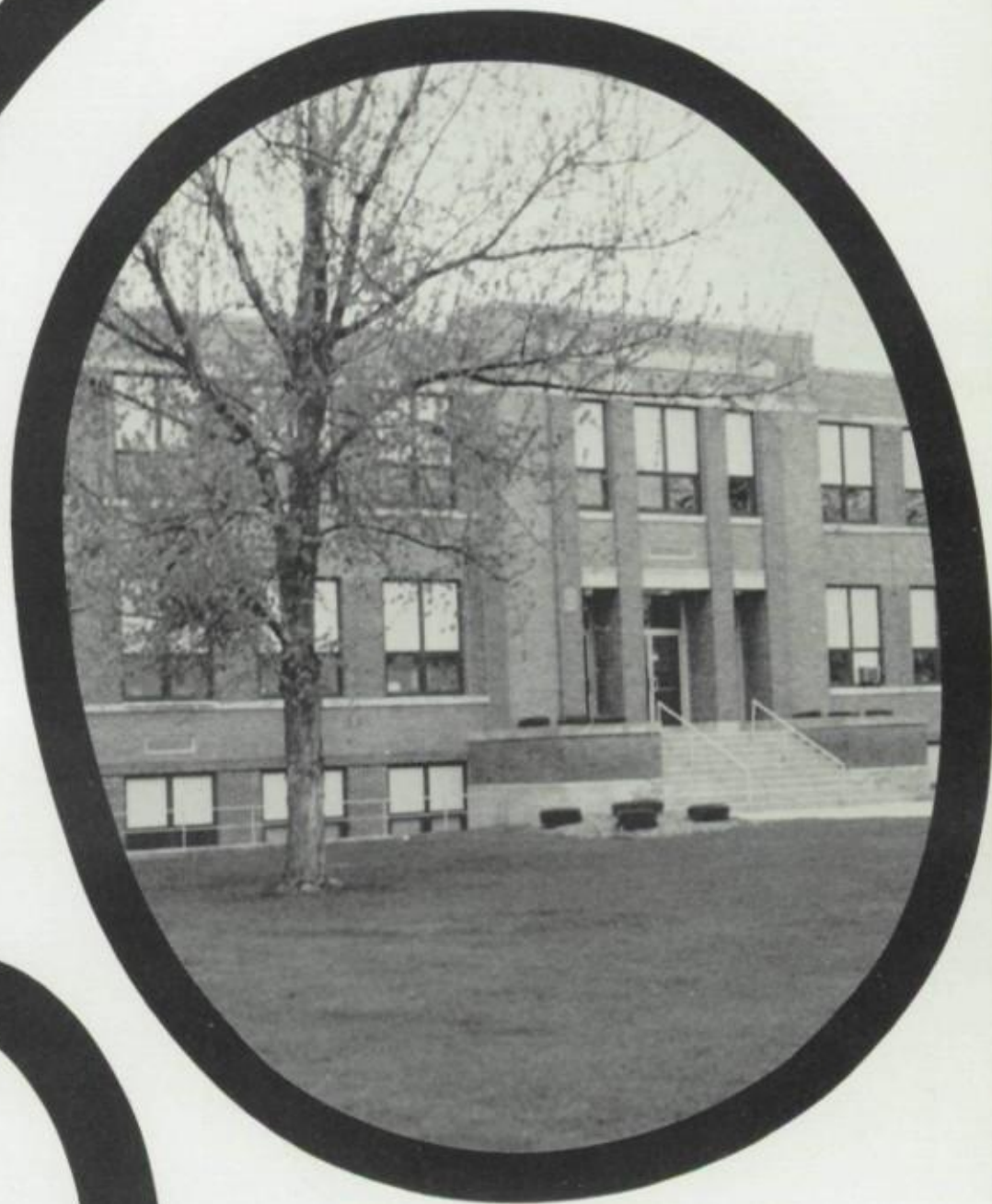
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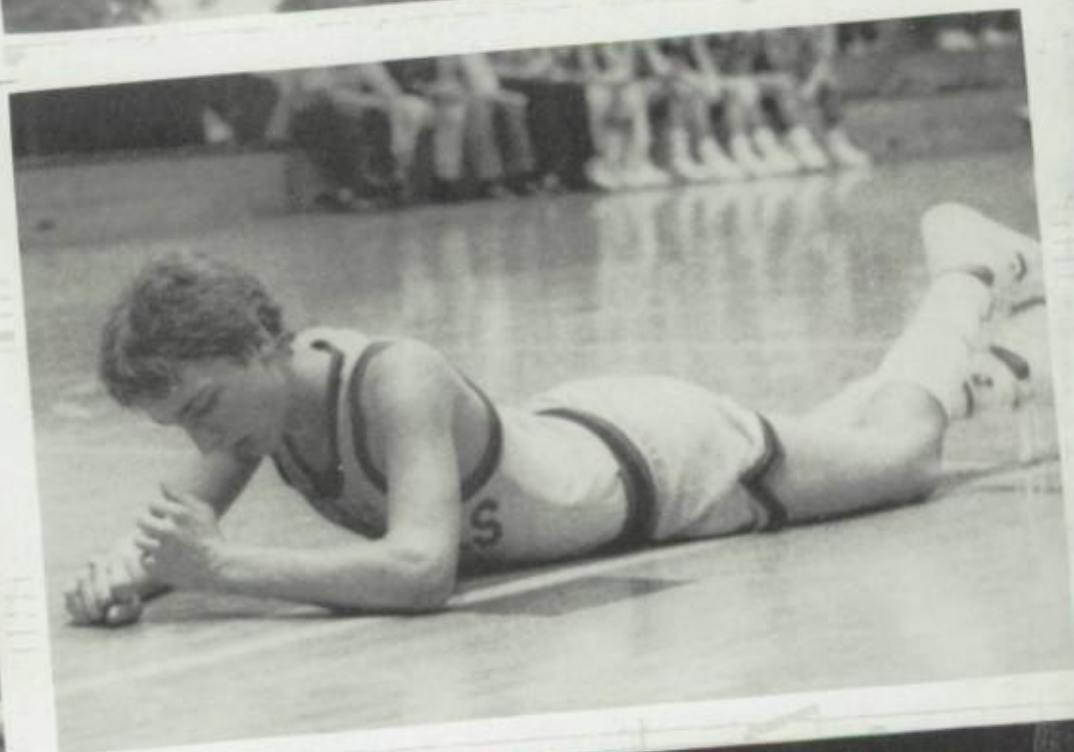
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Top left, Doug Merges exerts all of his strength to lift this weight. Weightlifting is an exercise the physical education class does very frequently during the year. **Top Center,** it takes a lot of strength and determination from trackster Matt Condon who finishes up the mile run. **Top right,** Jason Kuck puts all of his might into a Ranger chant during a pep rally. **Bottom left,** John Kuck stretches to his full capability during the track and field activities at the Fourth of July celebration. **Bottom center,** Jeff Henschen shows his frustrations as a loose ball goes out of bounds during a basketball game against Riverside. **Bottom right,** Matt Schrolucke shows the true determination it takes to be a distance runner as he finishes the mile. Schrolucke finished second in the meet against Marion Local. **Far right (Opposite page),** Gina Lepinski and Sandra Method show the agony of defeat during a junior high basketball game.



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get. re -
The laugh-ter that we will re -

Memories may be beautiful and yet,
what's too painful to remember
we simply choose to forget



Mem ries _____

So it's the laughter we will remember,
whenever we remember

poco a poco cresc.

so beau - ti - ful and

poco cresc.

so beau - ti - ful

Mem ries _____

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Top left, Judy Hoelscher and Sue Lehman demonstrate enthusiasm during Hat Day sponsored by the Pep Club as a part of Spirit Week. **Top center,** rebounding is the fun of the game, says senior Keith Leffel during a basketball game against Jackson Center. **Top right,** ex-Bengal cheerleader tries it again at a pep rally. Mrs. Janean Oberlander leads the fans in "Give me an R" at a pep rally that involved the teachers in a competition cheer. **Bottom left,** Amy Meyer takes a break from class to enjoy the recess time on the monkey bars. **Bottom center,** high spirited, cheerful and dedicated are all the qualities Jodi Hardin and Jenette Schumacher demonstrate at the tournament game against New Bremen. **Bottom right,** Blair Lammers expresses his joy in the third grade classroom activities. **Opposite page,** David Cleland enjoys the cozy atmosphere at the "Go Hawaiian" Homecoming dance.



Mem'ries

Top left, the girls' basketball team of 1925 consisted of **Row 1:** Gertrude Stienecker, Beatrice Hinze; **Row 2:** Adelia Katterheinrich, Naomi Rodeheffer, Evangeline Sunderman; **Row 3:** Olga Beickman; Alvina Fledderjohann, teacher; Meta Kuck. **Top center**, examples of the school's performing talents include the 1910 patriotic school drill with Julius Eversman (Uncle Sam) and Ruth Koepke (Miss Liberty). **Top right**, the New Knoxville school system began with the traditional country schoolhouse of Washington Township. The Clover Leaf Road school is an example of this type. **Bottom left**, the old school cafeteria of the 1950's is located in the basement where the science room is now. **Bottom center**, these students were members of the first drivers' training class in 1955. **Bottom right**, Dwain Meckstroh and Kendra Katterheinrich take part in the freshmen initiation in 1964. **Far right (opposite page)**, thoroughly enjoying the basketball game in '77 is Mr. Tony Vance, Rose Mary Chalk, Tracy Schroer and Doris Fledderjohann.

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so beau - ti - ful and

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The Way We Were



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Tragedy abounds in '85-'86

To most people, September brings the beginning of school and the beginning of cooler weather. This year it traditionally brought both, but it also brought fear and sadness. On September 19, a large earthquake shook Mexico City. This quake measured eight points on the Richter scale. Approximately 20,000 people were killed and all of Mexico mourned.

In November, two superpowers met for the first time in six years in Geneva, Switzerland. Although this was a big step for both President Reagan and President Gorbachov, not much was accomplished. They agreed on a 50 percent reduction in nuclear arms, but they didn't discuss which weapons

counted for large or small amounts.

Another major event in November concerned the Nevado del Ruiz Mountain. This mountain, located in Colombia, unexpectedly erupted after lying dormant for several years. Over 25,000 people were reported dead.

At the end of 1985 we said goodbye to several popular performers and icons. Samantha Smith, the girl who brought the East and West together, was killed in a plane crash on August 25. Yul Brynner, perhaps most famous for his performance in **The King and I**, also died at the age of 65. Another famed actor, Orson Welles, passed away in 1985 and E.B. White, author of **Charlotte's Web**, died during the



year. On New Year's Eve, former teen idol Ricky Nelson was killed in a plane crash.

Probably the most publicized and discussed death was Rock Hudson's. The actor died of the feared AIDS virus. This virus has been the point of much study and controversy since then.

1986 seemed destined for troubles. Within a few weeks of New Year's Day, a major tragedy occurred. The space shuttle Challenger blew up less than two minutes after lift-off. After much investigation it was discovered that faulty O-rings in the rocket boosters caused the explosion. Seven astronauts including the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe, died as a result. Again a nation mourned.

In April, a conflict that had been brewing since the Carter Administration peaked. The United States military attacked Libya as a result of the terrorism waged by Libya's ruler, Gadaffi. An American soldier was killed and nine were injured in an earlier West Berlin bombing and all evidence led to Gadaffi. Our military attacked first in the Gulf of Sidra. Three weeks later our bombs were aimed at the Bab al Azizia barracks, Gadaffi's center of terrorism.



Above, Bill Shoemaker, shown in 1975 at Del Mar Race Track in San Diego, became the oldest jockey to ever win the Kentucky Derby. **Top right** (this page), baseball's most prolific hitter, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds, received plaudits when he hit #4192 in September. **Top left** (opposite page), Christa McAuliffe, who was chosen as the first teacher in space, died with six astronauts when the space shuttle exploded minutes after take-off. **Top right** (opposite page), the publications class shows their enthusiasm in throwing snowballs after a surprising snowfall during mid-April. The students involved are Cathy Horstman, Jerry Lehman, Patty Longworth, Sherry Wright, Rebeca Enriquez, Minna Vanhala, Todd Kuck and Lisa Grimes.



This bombing lasted only 11½ minutes.

April also surprised everyone with its cold weather. The usual quote "April showers bring May flowers" could not be applied but the April snow did provide a few short-lived snow fights. On April 28 a nuclear meltdown occurred in Chernobyl in the USSR. This tragedy sent high levels of radiation to Switzerland and other European nations and even low levels over the U.S. The exact number of dead was uncertain, but the accident will certainly have negative effects for years to come.

The music department reports that Tears for Fears, USA for Africa, Bruce Springsteen, Phil Collins, Whitney Houston and the Chicago Bears with their "Superbowl Shuffle" were the popular artists for the year. "We Are the World," whose proceeds went to feed the hungry in Africa, and "Born in the USA" were the top hits.

Michael J. Fox was the new teen idol. His movies **Back to the Future** and **Teen Wolf** were popular among the youngsters. His TV series "Family Ties" also ranked high as a popular show.



Other TV shows like "Miami Vice," "The Cosby Show" and "Cheers" were watched on Thursday and Friday nights. In the theater, **Out of Africa**, **Rambo: First Blood Part II** and **The Color Purple** were the highest grossing movies.

Other high points of the year were the return of Halley's Comet after 75 years and the decrease in oil prices. 1986 was also New Knoxville's Sesqui-centennial year.

1985-86 was a year for the "old man" in sports as veterans in baseball, golf and horse racing walked away with honors.

A capacity crowd at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati and viewers via television watched as baseball history was made. Pete Rose, The Reds' player/manager, broke Ty Cobb's all-time hit record of 4191 career hits. The Cincinnati native broke the record on September 11 at 8:01 against the San Diego Padres.

Rose came up to bat with one out and nobody on base in a scoreless game. The Padres' righthanded pitcher, Eric Show, was behind in the count at two balls and one strike. Rose took Show's next offering to left-center field for a single to garner his 4192nd hit.

Later in the baseball season, the Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals played an I-70 World Series. The Royals are the only team to lose the first two games at home and come back and win the World Series. The Royals mauled the Cards. 11-0. Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen won the MVP award for the series.

Refrigerator Perry became a household name during the NFL season. The

Chicago Bears' William Perry, number 72, weighed around 310 pounds. The rookie from Clemson University became one of the biggest running backs in the league. Playing defense regularly, he was used for short yardage plays and goal line situations. He also caught a pass for a touchdown. Perry's Bears, along with arrogant quarterback Jim McMahon and Walter "Sweetness" Payton, won the Super Bowl XX convincingly, 46-10 over the AFC champions New England Patriots, who pulled a big surprise by beating the Miami Dolphins in the Orange Bowl for the AFC championship.

In golf Jack Nicklaus won his sixth green jacket in the Masters. The Golden Bear made a dramatic comeback starting on the ninth hole. He successfully made three birdies in a row. Following a bogey on 12, he birdied 13 and parred 14. An eagle on 15 and back-to-back birdies on 16 and 17 left him at 9 as he parred 18. He won by one stroke over Greg Norman, who

Bill Shoemaker won his fourth Kentucky Derby in 24 Derby rides on Ferdinand. Shoemaker, 54, the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby, earned \$784,000 for his victory.

By Dionna Hoelscher and Jeff Henschen

Kathy:

Portrait of a very special little girl

I first met Kathy when her mother, Micheale, asked me to babysit. Kathy's bright blue eyes, flaming red hair and cheerful smile were hard to resist. Because we were next-door neighbors, I soon became Kathy's regular sitter. Needless to say, we became fast friends. Through our bike rides, my teaching Kathy cheers and playing video games on her T.V., we became closer and closer. Through all of this the thought of Kathy having cancer never dawned on me. She was just a typical kid who did typical kid things.

As the months wore on, Kathy's cancer began growing and her condition worsened. Still the friendship Kathy and I had continued to grow. She still smiled when we met and talked joyfully to me.

Kathy continued to walk the four blocks to attend school until her sickness forced her to stay home and work with a tutor. Even then Kathy continued to greet all of her visitors enthusiastically.

Now Kathy lies in her living room among her many flowers and gifts. She may speak a few words or wave, but that's all her illness will permit. She doesn't get around much, except with the help of her parents. The doctors gave her one week, then two weeks. That was two months ago.

Kathy's determination has given me a goal for which to strive. Through some of the recent tough spots in my life, I've had to look at Kathy and think of her stubbornness and her unwillingness to give in. Kathy doesn't let life get her down. She takes one day at a time, only hoping to see the sun come up yellow the following day. Not only has Kathy been a great friend, but also a great inspiration.

Just the other day I visited Kathy, and she handed me a gift. Through her slurred and weak speech, she told me to keep it. It was from her.

It was a bright red balloon with capital white lettering that proclaimed the words, "I LOVE YOU."

And Kathy, though I may have never told you, I love you, too.

10/Dedication

By Tina Wibbeler
June 4, 1986



Above, this formal picture of Kathy Howe was taken before her second bout with cancer in late 1984. **Below**, Kathy poses for a Howe family portrait with mother Micheale, father Dick, sister Heather and cat.

Editor's note: Kathy died on June 30. Her optimism and tenacity served as an inspiration for many during her short life and will continue to do so for many years to come.



SPORTS



Class of 1910

Bertha Duhme
Benjamin Feldwisch
Bertha Cook
Noah Katterheinrich
Caroline Meckstroth
Elmer Kruse
Herbert Meyer
Gustave Schroer
William Stork
Marianne Wellman

Class of 1912

Charles Bielefeld
Selma Cook
Ella Feil
Henry Haberkamp
Esther Holtkamp
Clarence Katterheinrich
Ella Kuck
Selma Kuhlman
Matilda Meckstroth
William Oelrich
Meta Stukenbroke

Activities varied for '78 grad

When it comes to having fun in school, 1978 graduate Jill Schrolucke Borgerding remembers a time in study hall with science teacher Greg Bornhorst. The room was filled with junior high students, so Jill decided to throw a bunch of paper into the huge fan in the back of the room. The results were great, according to Borgerding. The room soon filled with paper.

A two-year letterman, Jill was involved in basketball for three years under head coach Dennis Henschen. During her senior year, the team completed a record of 8-9. Tournaments were the next thing on the list.

For the second year in a row, the Rangers won their first tournament game against Waynesfield. State-ranked Minster was the next step, but the Lady Rangers were defeated. "At that time, Minster was the top team to beat," commented Jill. Jill was joined

by other seniors Wendy Schroer and Barb Lageman.

Weekends were filled with excitement in '78. "Usually we would go to Carousel on the sneak," laughed Jill. Other entertainment would be the movies or Gary's Restaurant.

Jill recalled some highlights of her Senior Prom entitled "Las Vegas." First, couples would meet for a dinner and then prom. After the dance, bowling and the drive-in were available for the couples.

Jill was crowned 1978 Homecoming Queen with King Dave Wilkins. The event was spoiled by the blizzard of '78 which cancelled the Homecoming dance.

Jill's other activities included German Club, yearbook staff, band, pep band, FHA/HERO, FFA Queen and junior and senior class plays.

By Patty Longworth

Bambauer recalls high school sports

Diane Bambauer Piehl, 1979 New Knoxville alumna, was very active in school sports. Volleyball, basketball, and softball were her specialties.

"My senior year we were district runner-up," Piehl said of volleyball. her team had a record of 13-7 and placed fifth in the MAC.

One tradition in volleyball that is still continued is the annual volley-

ball party at the end of the season. When Piehl was a junior, it was held at her house. Novelty gifts were given out, and Piehl received a joke book for her good sense of humor.

In basketball, her most memorable moment was losing to New Bremen by nine points in tournament. Losing to New Bremen also seems to be a tradition for the girls.

The coach, Dennis Henschen,

took the girls to state tournaments in March. "This was always fun," remarked Piehl.

"... March, April, and May for two years." This was the lifespan of girls' softball at New Knoxville. Piehl played as a freshman and sophomore, but because of the lack of interest, Coach Steve Trout cancelled the sport.

By Dionna Hoelscher

The present boys basketball coach, Dennis Henschen, guided the girls' team for many years. Pictured are Tami Lauth, Sue Niemeyer, Diane Bambauer, Caryn Schrolucke, Cheris Stienecker, Wendy Schroer, Jill Schrolucke, Barb Lageman, Marta Niemeyer, Diane Horstman, Jan Lageman, and coach Dennis Henschen.



Dances—no; sports—yes in 1930

When asked what dances were held in the 1920's and 30's, 1930 alumna Viola Katterheinrich replied, "Heavens no! People were too religious and absolutely no dancing was permitted." Prom consisted of the junior mothers cooking dinner for the juniors and seniors. After the feast the students were permitted to have one party, called a class party. At this party the students conversed and usually had refreshments.

Teenagers then did not have the social freedom today's youth have. "On Friday nights we always attended the basketball games. Saturday basketball games were frowned upon, so there were none," remembers Katterheinrich. Sundays were spent at church and later concluded with a youth fellowship meeting.

Katterheinrich was an enthusiastic basketball player. "It was something to do in those days," said Katterheinrich. The team uniform consisted of big grey bloomers and tops with sleeves. For the most part the girls played full court, only trying to play division court a couple of times. "I hated playing division court. 'I was a guard and when we played division, I never got to shoot,'" replied Katterheinrich. Close to tournament time, the girls would shoot fifty foul shots a night. The girl with the

most foul shots would get to go to the county foul shooting tournament. "I tried so hard. I would practice every night. Finally one year I got to go," chuckled Katterheinrich. "It was great!"

A typical outfit to wear to elementary school was a cotton print dress. In high school slacks were not permitted. Dresses and skirts were the style. "I had one pleated skirt and I was thrilled with it!" exclaimed Katterheinrich. "We just didn't have as many clothes as kids do today. We wore a dress twice to school before mom would wash it."

After graduating in 1930, Katterheinrich went on to attend Miami University for two years. "At that time that was all that was needed to become a teacher," stated Katterheinrich. In 1932, she began teaching at the Hoge Brush School. She taught seventh and eighth grades in everything from math to agriculture. Katterheinrich went on to teach for nine years before leaving to raise her family.

Once back Katterheinrich obtained her masters degree in teaching. In 1964, she graduated from Ohio Northern University.

As a teacher she remembers class parties quite fondly. "Many times parents would invite the class to their

house. We would often have a hotdog and marshallow roast. It was great fun," recalls Katterheinrich.

Katterheinrich went on to teach eighteen years before retiring at her home on Main Street.

By Tina Condon

Class of 1913

Frances Cook
Silas Fledderjohann
Adolf Fledderjohann
Adolf Henschen
Arthur Hoge
Herbert Katterheinrich
Elmer Katterheinrich
Lawrence Kipp
Rinehart Kuck
Alvin Stienecker
Homer Wellman
Elizabeth Holtkamp

Class of 1914

Edna Duhme
Ella Haberkamp
Alice Katterheinrich
Milton Kattman
Clara Kuhlman
Otto Lammers
Edwin Mahn
Ralph Mertz
Lydia Stienecker
Gilbert Schroer



Above left, the girls basketball team from the mid-1920's. **Row 1:** Mildred Kuhlman, Viola Mahn, Adele Wiethoff, Olga Bieckman. **Row 2:** Edith Duhme, Ella Hoge, Beatrice Hinze, Olga Schroer, Alice Jones, Marcella Beickman, Katheryn Hoerath, Dorothy Eversman, Coach Harrod.

Above, the 1933 girls basketball team. **Row 1:** Clara Moellenkamp, Edith Katterheinrich, Marie Meckstroth, Edna Aufderhaar, Dorothy Katterheinrich.

Row 2: Louise Eversman, Olga Meckstroth, Ruth Henschen, Frances Bailey, Ruth Meckstroth, Esther Katterheinrich, Lillian Kuck, Dorothy Tinnerman, Marion Meckstroth, Coach Howard Brown.



'27 well represented in sports

Our class had its first taste of high school in September 1923. Some came to the class from the New Knoxville School while others came from nearby country schools.

Our first year, 1923-24, and possibly the second year, 1924-25, was in the old high school (where the Hoge Brush Co. is now) before the new addition that included our own gymnasium and new classrooms. This new addition provided not only our own gymnasium but also a stage for drama productions and a large assembly room for school and community.

Nearby high schools were already awarding high school letters, which had not yet become a custom at NKHS. In the year 1925-26 or 1926-27, the first K's were awarded by Noah Katterheinrich, chairman of the Board of Education at that time.

Even before the first K's were awarded, some of the class members had started wearing red sweaters with a large gray K.

Our class was well represented on the girls' basketball team, the boys' basketball team, the baseball team and the track squad.

Our class had its own girls' and boys' basketball team using the "Brown and Tan" colors in the suits.

The Demerit System was instituted for several years by the administration. Anyone receiving 10 demerits for unacceptable behavior would have a special audience with the superintendent and this audience could also include the parents.

As I recall, the four-year high school had its beginning with our first year — 1923-24. This was a real asset for our class too for it prepared us for college and university work right at our own high school. Prior to this time the two-year and later the three-year graduates either dropped out of school or continued their high school education in New Bremen, St. Marys or Wapakoneta.

The social life of our class included parties and events, of course with proper chaperones.

High school days helped us to become acquainted with the restaurants of New Knoxville — Beikman's and Henschen's. Here is where we picked up some of our liberal education in an extra-curricular sense, which added a real dimension to our growing up. This was the time too when we could buy a hamburger, together with a glass of pop for 10¢.

By Arnold Meckstroth
Class of 1927



Left, the 1924 girls' basketball team. **Row 1:** Esther Holtkamp, Alma Buddemeyer. **Row 2:** Gertrude Stienecker, Meta Kuck, Evangeline Sunderman. **Row 3:** Esther Hoge, Coach Alvina Fledderjohann, Martha Rodeheffer. **Above**, the 1931 girls' basketball team. **Row 1:** Viola Meckstroth, Clara Moellenkamp, Grace Sunderman, Lillian Kuck, Olga Meckstroth, Esther Kuck. **Row 2:** Wilma Schroer, Alice Schrolucke, Louise Eversman, Coach Howard Brown, Mildred Westerbeck, Luella Wierwille, Ruth Meckstroth. The rules for girls' basketball have changed a great deal. Fifty-nine years ago, only the forwards and centers could shoot. The guards had to stay on one half and the forwards on the other. The centers were the only players that could run up and down the floor.

Class of 1915

Felix Cook
August Elshoff
Julius Eschmeyer
Sylvanus Eversman
Rinehart Fledderjohann
Raymond Henkener
Lydia Holtkamp
Ferdinand Kuck
Edwin Kuck
Ella Meckstroth
Harry Meckstroth

Class of 1916

Aaron Cook
Lydia Deerhake
Alvina Fledderjohann
Mary Kattman
Irene Koepke
Clara Kuck
Ferdinand Meckstroth
Clarence Niemeyer
Leona Poppe
Ella Rehn
Adella Rodeheffer
Cornelia Rodeheffer
Joseph Schroer
Herman Settlage
Edwin Stienecker

Class of 1917

Bertha Haberkamp
Julius Haberkamp
Mary Hoelscher
Rebecca Hoge
Emil Katterheinrich
Esther Katterheinrich
Priscilla Kruse
Salome Lammers
Victoria Lutterbeck
Emil Meckstroth
Joseph Ruwoldt
Clifford Wellman



Row 1: Amy Leffel, Samantha Merges, Samantha Stepleton, Gina Lepinski, Sheila Thompson, Jodi Wyatt. **Row 2:** Shannon Egbert, Stacy Tinnerman, Lori Piehl, Carrie Kuck, Angie Schrolucke, Katie Kuck, Shelby Webb, manager.



Left: Carrie Kuck looks intent as she takes another stride while completing the mile in a meet with Jackson Center. Carrie won the race although her team lost the meet. **Middle left:** Shannon Egbert leaps over the high jump bar with ease. Shannon's highest clearance this year was 4'11". **Middle right:** Samantha Stepleton works hard to pass her opponent in the 100 yard dash during a home meet with Jackson Center. **Bottom:** Samantha Merges clears a hurdle with ease during the home track meet with Jackson Center.



Strong effort marks season

Although the junior high girl tracksters failed to win a meet, they did put forth great effort and came very close to defeating several opponents. "I think we were competent enough to take on any team in the area," said Jerry Merges, Jr., the first-year mentor.

The girls had some tough luck in the dual meets. They first lost to Marion Local and later to Jackson Center by just six points. In another meet of the year, the girls just missed defeating Parkway, losing the meet by four points.

The girls turned in some excellent solo performances. Shannon Egbert, Stacy Tinnerman, Carrie Kuck and An-

gie Schrolucke all scored well in their events.

After returning from their eighth grade trip Friday night, four girls traveled to the Parkway Invitational Saturday morning. The team of Shannon Egbert, Angie Schrolucke, Stacy Tinnerman and Gina Lepinski garnered sixth place out of seven teams.

Shannon was first in the 400 dash, second in the 100 low hurdles and third in the high jump. Angie came in seventh in the 400 dash while Stacy received third in shot put. Gina was sixth in shot and seventh in discus.

By Tina Condon



"Try in '85" a success

"The right angle to success is the tryangle . . . Try in '85." Did Coach Chuck Braden's geometry class spill over into Ranger volleyball? Not really. In past years the team has adopted a theme, and this year is no exception. This theme, great enthusiasm and senior leadership guided the team through another successful season.

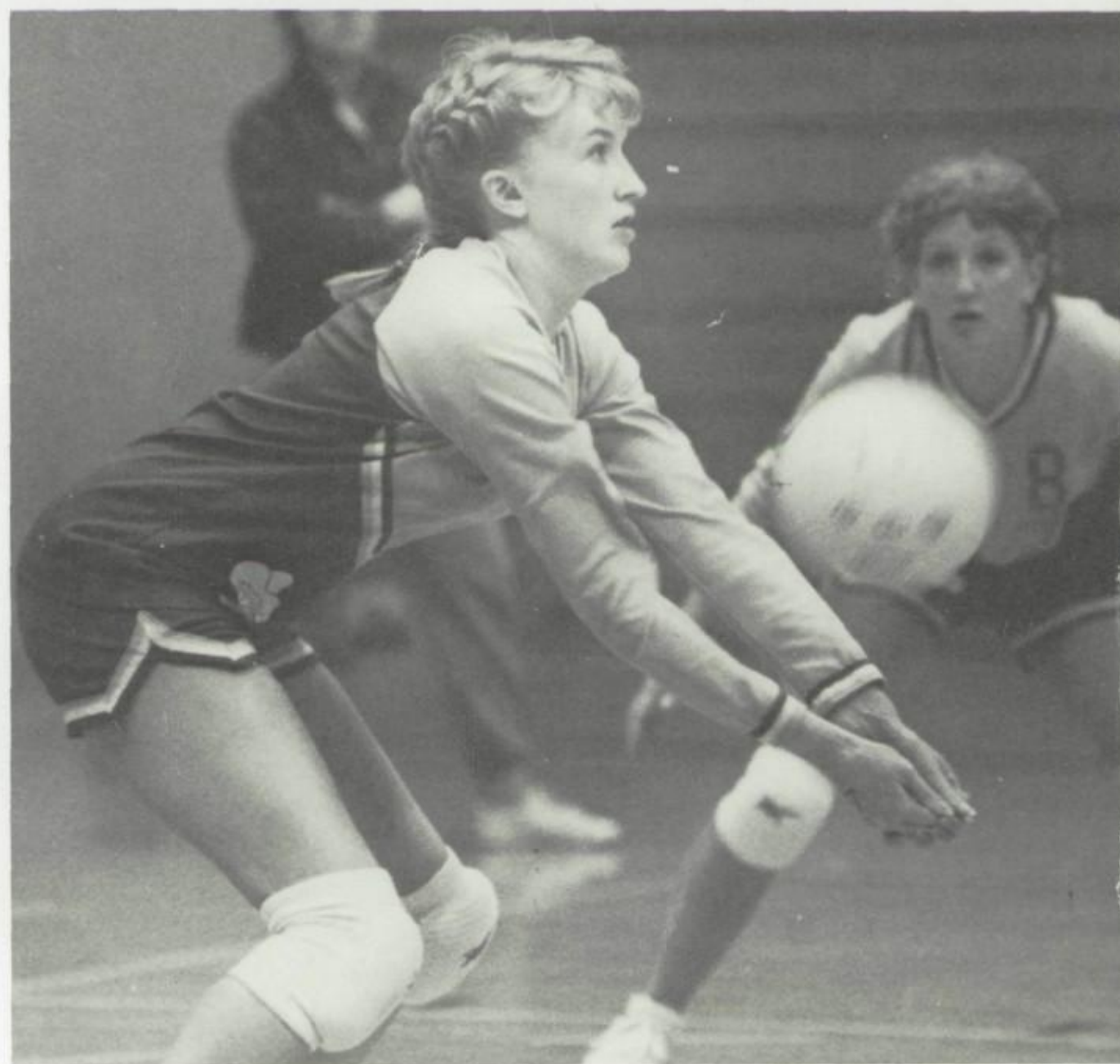
Highlighting the year was the winning of the Shawnee Invitational, which was a first for the girls. This accomplishment was also one of the many annual goals set by Coach Braden.

The team showed everyone that the slogan "The few, the proud, the Rangers" was appropriate by being state-ranked all season. They ended up number ten in the state in class A.

The girls ended their season with a 17-6 overall record. As a team, they set a school record for completing 91.69 percent of their serves. They also garnered the number two seed in the MAC with a record of 8-1. The Rangers had hoped to make the state tournament this year, but they had a rough time in sectionals. They suffered a heart-breaking defeat to Marion to end their tournament play.

By Jerry Lehman

Top left, senior Sherry Wright goes up for a spike. Sherry received first team MAC and honorable mention All-Ohio. **Top right**, Sarah Novean, another senior and member of the first team MAC, shows good serving form. **Bottom**, junior Angie Arnett shows that concentration is the name of the game as she bumps the ball to a setter while Sarah Novean looks on. Angie and teammates Dionna Hoelscher, Patty Longworth and Sherry Wright were members of the state champion AAU/USVBA teams that played in St. Joseph, Missouri, in the summer of '85.





COACH'S NOTES

W/L	OPPONENT	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3
L	St. Marys	3-15	8-15	
W	Mendon	15-3	15-3	
W	Minster	15-6	15-4	
W	Delphos Jefferson	15-0	15-1	
W	New Bremen	15-11	15-11	
	Fairlawn Invit.	6th place finish		
W	Delphos St. Johns	15-0	15-10	
W	Parkway	15-13	8-15	15-10
	N.K. Invitational Runner-up			
W	Spencerville	15-9	14-16	15-6
L	St. Henry	6-15	9-15	
	Shawnee Invit. Champions			
W	Coldwater	15-8	11-15	15-4
W	Ft. Recovery	15-9	15-7	
W	Van Wert	15-7	15-11	
W	Marion Local	11-15	15-6	16-14
	Sectional Tournament			
L	Marion Local	3-15	11-15	



Coach Chuck Braden, Tina Condon, Jill Leffel, Kim Schrolucke, Lisa Scheblo, Patty Longworth, Sherry Wright, Jodi Stroh, Dionna Hoelscher, Angie Arnett, Kelly Howe, Sarah Novean, Cathy Horstman. Managers: Shannen Braden and Betsy Kruse.

Top right, senior Patty Longworth was a key player for the team this year. She was named first team in the MAC and District 8 as well as being chosen first team All-Ohio for the second straight year. **Bottom left**, Jill Leffel, shown setting the ball, was one of two sophomores on the varsity squad who will try to fill the shoes of graduating seniors, Kim Schrolucke, Kelly Howe, Longworth, Novean and Wright.

Reserves do well despite small numbers

COACH'S NOTES

W/L	OPPONENT	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3
L	St. Marys	15- 8	3-15	12-15
W	Mendon	15-10	14-16	15- 3
W	Minster	9-15	16-14	15-11
W	Del. Jefferson	15- 6	15- 2	
L	New Bremen	15-10	13-15	11-15
W	Del. St. John's	1-15	15-13	15-13
L	Parkway	15-13	11-15	
W	Spencerville	15- 6	15- 7	
W	Elida Invitational			
W	Elida			
W	Wapakoneta			
L	St. Marys	Second Place		
L	St. Henry	0-15	1-15	
W	Coldwater	16-14	15- 5	
W	Ft. Recovery	15- 3	15- 9	
W	Van Wert	15- 7	15- 7	
L	Marion	12-15	15- 7	7-15

The reserve squad enjoyed a fairly successful season under first-year coach Ann Zumberger. The biggest obstacle of the 10-6 squad was a paucity of players. Often they entered a match with only six or seven girls. That meant only a rare substitution and sometimes none at all.

That's why a second-place finish at the Elida Invitational at mid-season was so exciting for the team. The Saturday invitational had been scheduled opposite the Shawnee Invitational for varsity teams. Jodi Stroh, a strong reserve player, was moved up to fill a vacancy on the injury-plagued varsity and traveled to Shawnee.

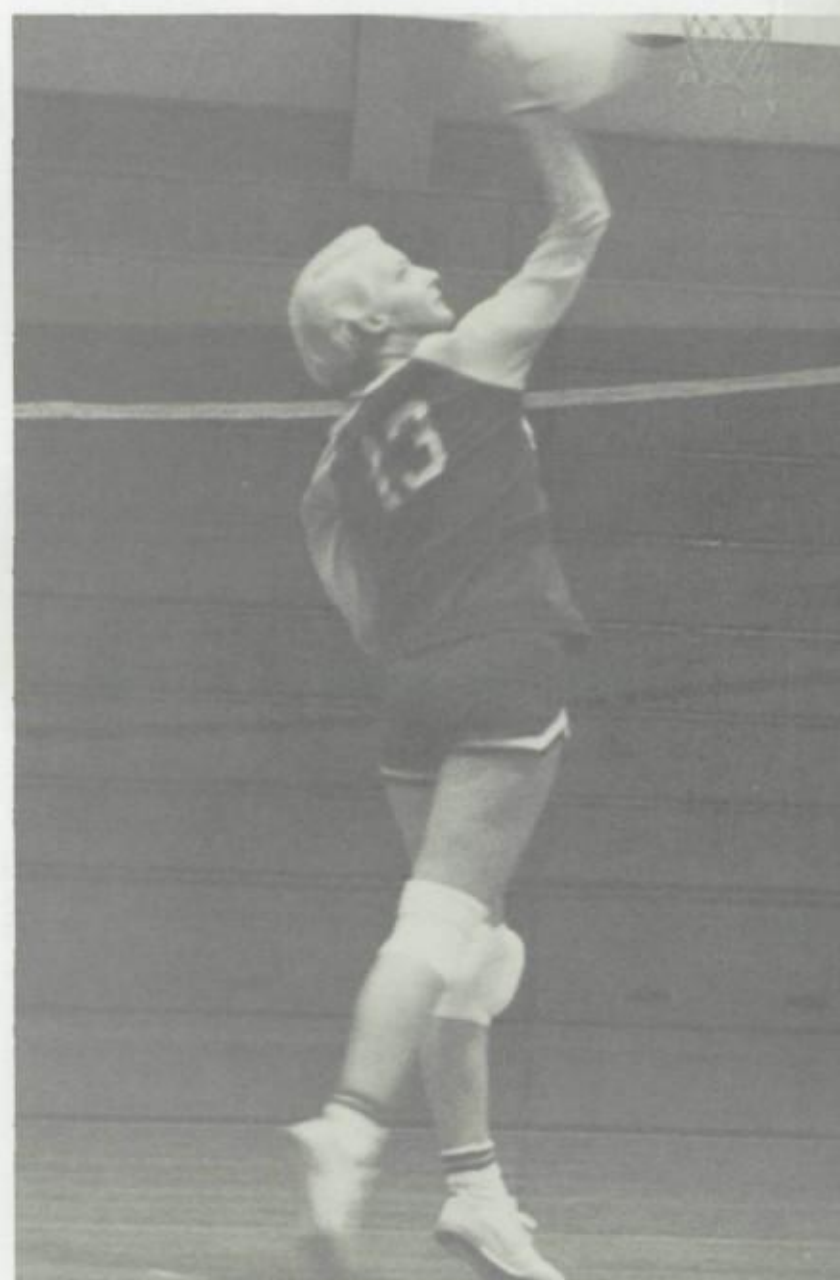
Jodi Hardin, Cathy Horstman, Jenni Eldridge, Jenny Horstman, Beth Lam-

mers and Minna Vanhala took to the floor at Elida and played three matches with no substitutions. They defeated AAA schools, Elida and Shawnee, before losing to St. Marys in the finals. "It was very hard with only six because we couldn't substitute," said freshman Jenny Horstman. "Coming in second was an achievement with only six girls."

The team's biggest win, however, according to varsity coach Chuck Braden, was against Delphos St. John's. Again the team fielded only six players, this time due to illness. The girls played a terrible first game, losing 1-15. They came back the next two, however, and won in close matches, 15-13 and 15-13.



Jenni Eldridge, Beth Lammers, Minna Vanhala, Jodi Stroh, Jenny Horstman, Jodi Hardin, Cathy Horstman.



Above, Finnish exchange student Minna Vanhala shows her serving form. **Left,** the wall mural on the new gym's west wall was first seen by many fans during volleyball season. The mural was the brainchild of Charles Braden and the Student Council.





Row 1: Shelby Webb, Gina Lepinski, Sheila Thompson. **Row 2:** Katie Kuck, Angie Schrolucke, Stacy Tinnerman, Jenny Wessel, Coach Linda Kuck. **Right,** Coach Kuck talks to Stacy Tinnerman and Jenny Wessel about the game plan. Coach Kuck guided the team to a successful season in this, her first year. **Far right,** Angie Schrolucke shows her impeccable form in a sport where form and technique play an important role.



JH girls focus on team work

What has thirty-two legs, giggles a lot, puts forth great athletic effort and has a desire to win? The junior high girls' volleyball team, of course. Both teams worked together September and October and felt they improved as a team.

The seventh grade team finished the

season at 5-5. Only three players had attended camp, so practices consisted of practicing the basic skills.

The eighth grade team sported an impressive 6-4 record, being beaten by St. Henry and Ft. Recovery in close games. The eighth grade, with a year of experience, focused on "playing as

a team and not as individual players," stated first-year coach Linda Kuck.

Assisted by former Ranger, Sandi McCabe, Kuck spent most of the year on "playing to our ability."

The girls learned valuable skills that will profit the teams next year.

By Tina Condon



Amy Leffel, Candida DePaola, Carrie Kuck, Lori Piehl, Samantha Merges, Samantha Stepleton, Jodi Wyatt.

Seventh Grade

W/L	OPPONENT	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3
W	Holy Rosary	15-5	15-3	
L	Ft. Recovery	9-15	13-15	
W	Minster	15-4	19-17	
L	Marion Local	15-8	13-15	2-15
L	St. Henry	7-15	12-15	
W	Mendon	15-3	4-15	15-5
L	New Bremen	6-15	15-11	7-15
W	St. Joe	15-7	15-3	
L	Marion Local	0-15	12-15	
W	Spencerville	15-7	15-4	

Record 5-5

Eighth Grade

W	Holy Rosary	9-15	15-11	15-7
L	Ft. Recovery	13-15	15-8	14-16
W	Minster	15-12	15-8	
W	Marion Local	15-8	15-4	
L	St. Henry	2-15	15-5	11-15
W	Mendon	15-3	4-15	15-5
L	New Bremen	15-10	5-15	13-15
W	St. Joe	15-2	15-1	
W	Marion Local	13-15	15-1	15-2
W	Spencerville	8-15	15-12	16-14

Record 6-4



Fellow team members congratulate Jodi Wyatt after a successful serve. A trade mark of New Knoxville volleyball teams in great feeling of unity.



Row 1: Kim Schrolucke, Kelly Howe, Angie Arnett, Sarah Novean. **Row 2:** Tina Condon, Jill Leffel, Lisa Scheblo, Sherry Wright, Patty Longworth, Michele Clune.



COACH'S NOTES			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
W	St. Marys	54	34
W	Waynesfield	50	34
W	*Mendon Union	83	54
L	Ft. Loramie	34	50
L	Celina	36	46
W	*Minster	52	34
L	Botkins	47	57
W	Anna	56	44
L	*New Bremen	41	46
W	Russia	52	35
L	*Del. St. John's	43	57
L	*Parkway	39	58
W	Spencerville	OT 51	48
L	*St. Henry	35	39
L	Wapakoneta	39	51
L	*Coldwater	36	40
W	Jackson Center	51	35
W	Shawnee	52	42
L	*Ft. Recovery	37	44
W	*Marion Local	41	31
L	Tournament		
L	New Bremen	40	42
*MAC Games			
Record 10-11			



Top right, Patty Longworth goes after a loose ball in the New Bremen game. Longworth led the team in assists with 59 and made second team Leaderland. **Above,** Sherry Wright attempts a foul shot in the first game of sectionals against New Bremen. Wright was the leading free thrower at 63 percent. She was also the leading scorer (14.3) and rebounder (10.4) for the Rangers. **Above right,** Sarah Novean pushes the ball past a New Bremen defender. Sarah was second on the team in assists, received Honorable Mention Leaderland and was named "Miss Hustle" for the second straight year. **Right,** Kim Schrolucke lobs the ball to Sarah Novean in the St. Marys game. The Rangers won the season opener, 54-34.





New mentor guides girls

The girls' varsity basketball team enjoyed both success and heartbreak during their 1985-86 season. Under the aegis of first-year head coach, Bill Menchoffer, the lady Rangers garnered 10 wins while dropping 11 games.

During the entire season the girls never quit improving. When everything clicked together, they enjoyed much success. But the season was filled with its ups and downs. Coach Menchoffer's saying, "We ain't what we want to be, and we ain't what we're gonna be, but thank goodness we ain't what we used to be," exemplified the varsity through the entire season.

One of the girls' successes this season was the average points which they allowed the opponent to score per game. The girls' tough defense allowed the enemy to average only 43 points per game in total offense.

First-round sectional action held heartbreak for the girls. They were pitted against longtime rivals, New Bremen, for the right to advance to the sectional finals. With three minutes left in the game, the lady Rangers led by 10, and hopes for a victory were running high. But in those final waning minutes of the game, the crowd watched with nervous tension as the Ranger lead was cut down. When the final buzzer sounded, the Cardinals were on top, 42-40.

By Jerry Lehman



Top left, junior Angie Arnett eyes the rim after her shot attempt against Wapak. The Rangers lost, 51-39. **Top right**, junior Lisa Scheblo fires a shot while Patty Longworth begins to head toward the basket. Scheblo was the second leading scorer (8.6). **Above**, Sherry Wright looks for the hoop as Michele Clune and Lisa Scheblo look on. Wright was named to the MAC, District 8 second team, All Northwest Ohio special mention, first team Leaderland and played in the District 8 all-star game. She also garnered the Most Valuable Player trophy. **Left**, Michele Clune puts up a shot against a New Bremen defender at the sectional tournament. Clune was second on the team in field goal percentage with 39 and was named the most improved player. **Right**, Ricky "Recovery," a Ft. Recovery native and an avid basketball fan, expresses his displeasure at an official's call during the New Knoxville — New Bremen sectional tournament. Ricky saw his own team, the Indians, beat Marion Local in the first game of the tourney, but despite his vociferous efforts the Rangers lost, 42-40.



JV's struggle through season

The junior varsity girls struggled under new head coach Jill Henschen, former Ranger standout. The lack of size and experience plagued the team.

One bright spot during the season came against Coldwater. The Cavaliers were 10-2 when they came to New Knoxville. The lady Rangers prevailed, 38-37. The big factor was at the foul line. The Rangers made 22 of 30 while Coldwater made 11 of 17.

Jenny Horstman and Jill Leffel were responsible for all but one of the free throws. Leffel made 15 of 18 from the line that night and added two field goals for 19 points. Horstman connected on six of nine from the line and chipped in two buckets for 10 points. Kristine Niemeyer and Debbie Bambauer knocked in six and three points respectively.

"Finally, all of the time spent practicing foul shots paid off," said Coach Henschen.

By Jeff Henschen



Kris Niemeyer, Beth Lammers, Tina Condon, Minna Vanhala, Jenny Horstman, Jill Leffel, Debbie Bambauer, Laurie Merges, Laura Robinson.

COACH'S NOTES

W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	St. Marys	26	31
L	Waynesfield	33	37
W	Mendon Union	32	28
L	Ft. Loramie	22	43
L	Celina	14	39
L	Minster (ot)	37	38
L	Botkins	20	23
L	Anna	22	33
L	New Bremen	13	29
L	Russia	28	34
L	Del. St. John's	20	47
L	Parkway	20	23
W	Spencerville	31	25
L	St. Henry	16	36
L	Wapakoneta	29	30
W	Coldwater	38	37
L	Jackson Center	35	40
L	Shawnee	25	38
L	Marion Local	21	35

Record: 3-16



Top, Jill Leffel shoots one of her 18 free throws against Coldwater. She scored 19 points in the Rangers' win, 38-37. **Middle**, sophomore Kris Niemeyer applies defense against a St. Marys player. St. Marys won, 31-26. **Above**, freshman Jenny Horstman puts up a shot against Coldwater as Jill Leffel fights for a rebounding position.



Eighth grade — **Row 1:** Angie Schrolucke, Katie Kuck, Sandra Method and Beth Heidt. **Row 2:** Jenny Wessel, Shannon Egbert, Stacy Tinnerman, Gina Lepinski and Deana Bower.



Seventh grade — **Row 1:** Jodi Wyatt, Lori Piehl and Carrie Kuck. **Row 2:** Samantha Stepleton, Michelle Sias, Dodi Hicks, Jennifer Schafer and Amy Leffel.

COACH'S NOTES			
Eighth Grade			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	New Bremen	16	21
W	Wapakoneta	20	7
L	Ft. Recovery	20	28
W	Minster	31	24
L	St. Marys	18	27
W	Minster	24	12
W	Mendon Union	22	18
L	Parkway	28	30
L	Marion Local	17	29
L	St. Henry	26	44
W	New Bremen	21	16
W	Wapak St. Joe	40	2
Record: 6-6			



Shy shooting girls win big at end

The seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams finished their season with improvements. The eighth grade finished with a 6-6 record while the seventh grade girls finished 3-6.

The eighth grade girls' last game was against Wapakoneta St. Joe. They had a smashing win, defeating them 40-2. "The girls really matured and improved in basketball skills throughout the year," said Coach Georgeann Stienecker.

The seventh grade girls ended their season with a victory over New Bremen, 12-8. "The pressure was on because of the rivalry between the two schools. The girls played well together and there were a lot of tense moments," said Stienecker. "The seventh grade girls' defense has improved 100 percent, but they are still shy on shooting skills," said Stienecker as she summarized the girls' abilities.

By Rick Neuman

COACH'S NOTES			
Seventh Grade			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
W	New Bremen	14	11
L	Ft. Recovery	5	14
W	Minster	14	4
L	St. Marys	13	17
L	Parkway	26	29
L	Marion Local	6	9
L	St. Henry	10	14
W	New Bremen	12	8
Record: 3-6			



Above left, seventh grader Lori Piehl patiently dribbles up the court while playing against St. Marys. **Left,** Shannon Egbert struggles through a tough junior high basketball game with St. Marys. The girls lost the contest, 21-16.

Girls gain strength during season

The high school girls' team grew slowly in numbers during the 1985 season and finally were able to field a full team for the MAC championship. Starting with three runners in August, the team improved throughout the season and were able to finish sixth at the MAC with five runners. The key to success in future seasons will depend on greater student involvement and interest in this sport.

Coach Jerry Merges



Bottom row: Jason Metzger and Randy Hirschfeld, managers. **Middle row:** Christa Henschen, Laura Robinson and Laurie Merges. **Top row:** Coach Jerry Merges, Shelly Clune and Heather Wietholter.



Top left, sophomore Christa Henschen, a two-year letterwinner, concentrates hard on her running at the Gun Club. **Top right,** the girls' cross country team model their new uniforms and rain suits while they wait to leave for the Anna meet. **Bottom left,** Laurie Merges wonders where the finish line is as she struggles to complete the race. **Bottom right,** Michele Clune, the only senior on the team, provided leadership throughout the season.



Row 1: Jenni Eldridge, Rebeca Enriquez, Sarah Novean, Jill Schroeder, Lori Barber. **Row 2:** Jodi Hardin, Minna Vanhala, Jenny Horstman, Jodi Stroh, Heather Wietholter, Michele Clune, Laurie Merges.

Records fall as team improves

This past track season saw records broken and a total of 16 boys and girls that qualified for the finals at the districts.

For the record, Sarah Novean broke the 100 meters record held by Dana Woods at 13.1. She also tied her own 200 meters record at 28.1. Jill Schroeder tied her own 100 low hurdles mark at 16.3. Jill also broke her own record in the 300 low hurdles with a time of 52.5. Jenny Horstman broke Teresa Schroeder's discus record with a throw of 90-10.

The districts were held at Minster, and for the third straight year Jill Schroeder qualified for the regionals.

Sarah Novean and Jill Schroeder received co-MVP and Lori Barber received Miss Cinders for the lady tracksters.

The team's year could be summed up simply as head coach Jerry Merges said, "We have quality, but they have quantity."



Top left, Jill Schroeder leaps over the hurdle at the MAC meet at Minster. Jill qualified for the regionals for the third straight year. **Middle,** Jenni Eldridge and Michele Clune have a successful hand off in the 400 relay. The girls won this tri-meet against Houston and Ft. Recovery. **Far left,** Jenny Horstman gives it her all in this shot put attempt at the MAC meet. The freshman was the best shot putter on the team. **Left,** who said life was a barrel of laughs? Sarah Novean obviously didn't as she is being tended to after a discus hit her ankle before the Rangers' last regular season meet.

1962 grad holds fond memories of cheerleading

Attention!
Attention ladies!
Attention gents!
New Knoxville High School
now presents:
V-A-R-S-I-T-Y!
Yea rah varsity!

With this cheer Rebecca Buddemeyer in her long scarlet skirt and white long-sleeved sweater with "K" emblem led her 1962 state-ranked basketball team onto the floor.

Becky and classmate Ann Henschen were the first girls ever to have the opportunity to be cheerleaders for six years. It was the first time for cheerleaders from the seventh grade. In the past the four junior high cheerleaders were eighth graders. So she and Ann were the two cheerleaders chosen along with two eighth graders.

When she made her first big step into high school and tried out for cheerleading, Becky was very hopeful of getting it because at that time a girl who made it her freshmen year had it for her entire high school career. But the rule changed in her sophomore year. Two from each class were elected and one had to try out every year.

Tryouts were extremely different from today. Everyone was grouped together and would do four cheers in front of the entire high school and then be voted on by the student body.

During Becky's senior year the cheerleaders were blessed with many new creative events and ideas. The first major step was electing five cheerleaders instead of four as in previous years. The student body was given the chance to vote whether or not to add a male cheerleader to join the four cheerleaders. Thus, Bob Grimes was elected the second male cheerleader at New Knoxville.

"Bob was a good cheerleader and he attracted a lot of attention when he went to different schools," recalled Becky. The cheerleaders also had a mascot — kindergartner Peggy Fries, the daughter of Coach Gene Fries. Jean Ann Roode, Janie Kuck and Ann Henschen rounded out the squad. That was the first year local girls attended a one-day cheerleading clinic, held at Wittenberg University.

Becky said she felt the cheerleaders were fortunate to have Coach Gene Fries. He would always talk to the cheerleaders about making enough signs. Fries also had a rule: on the bus rides over there was to be a lot of cheering to fire up the boys. "He was the only coach that ever took time out for the cheerleaders and thought they could help get the players fired up," stated Becky.

There are many differences between cheerleading of today and cheerleading 24 years ago. Becky recalled the cheers as being more "sing-songy." One of the favorite cheers at that time was called "Fireball."

Fireball, Fireball,
steam steam steam!
Have we got a-
Sure we got a
team-team-team!

"We didn't do as many gymnastic stunts. We did more cartwheels and splits," remembered Becky. They called their pep rallies "pep meetings" in which they would just do cheers, and they were held every week. In their senior year they added skits. She remembered a skit in which the cheerleaders dressed up in the varsity players' warm-ups and pretended to play a game with many bloopers and blunders. "The crowd yelled 'take off your warm-ups,' " stated Becky with a laugh.

Although they didn't have pom-poms they did have three-foot megaphones. "The bleachers on the stage of the old gym were always filled to capacity with faithfully cheering students. Just as today, the graders were in the front row being enthusiastic," stated Becky.

By Patty Longworth

Class of 1918

Lucile Bielefeld
Ferdinand Clausing
Helen Cook
Rufus Eschmeyer
Florenz Eversman
Flora Holtkamp
Irwin Katterheinrich
Oliver Kuck
Arminta Kuhlman
Orville Raberding
Norma Snethkamp
Clement Stienecker
Telma Stukenbroke
Esther Vordermark
Ella Wellman
Louetta Wiethoff



Top, Annette Hinze, Joyce Froning, Betty Parke and Jean Henkener led cheers for the Rangers in 1953. **Bottom**, the varsity cheerleading squad in 1962. **Bottom**: Becky Buddemeyer, Bob Grimes, Janie Kuck. **Top**: Jean Ann Roode, Peggy Fries, Ann Henschen.



Cheerleading important to '75 grad

In 1975, 36 close-knit students graduated from N.K. One of those students, Annette Niemeyer Settlage, recalls their time together. "We did such neat things as a class," she commented.

To raise money for their senior class trip to Florida, they landscaped Sam Cosik's house on 66, held car washes, mowed lawns, cleaned, babysat and even washed people's windows. All this money went into the class treasury. "It really wasn't work; it was fun." They flew down to Florida, visited Disneyland and lounged on the beaches.

Settlage's special memories come from cheerleading. "That was my big thing," she said. Bonfires behind school was one activity that showed spirit in those days. "We led cheers and the coaches talked," remembered Settlage. The biggest one was on Friday before the Saturday game. Kent

Wellman decorated his Volkswagon and called it the "Ranger Bug." The players and fans started a parade at the UCC church parking lot, which ended at the bonfire.

"My best time was my sophomore year because the players were so good," admitted Settlage. "We also had Mrs. Titus as an adviser; she was very good." Their uniforms were new each year and cost about \$40 for the skirt and sweater unlike today's uniforms, which cost about \$70-\$75.

As a senior, Settlage cheered with Shirley Rehmert, Marcia Niemeyer, Deborah Shiley, Teresa McCullough and Beth Wierwille. These girls attended cheerleading camp at Findlay and rated in the top ten squads. After camp, the girls practiced every Saturday morning at Niemeyer's house on West German Street.

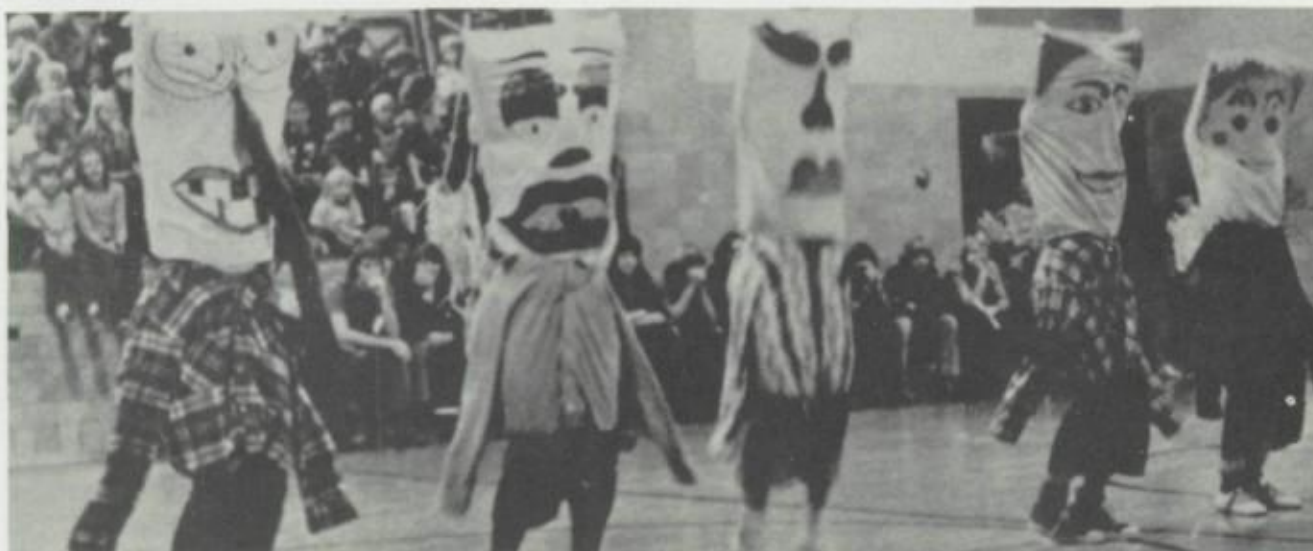
By Dionna Hoelscher

Class of 1919

Bertha Aufderhaar
Lawrence Feldwisch
Marcella Hoge
Gladys Holtkamp
Aaron Kettler
Norman Koepke
Clarence Meckstroth
Herbert Meckstroth
Meta Meckstroth
Clara Schmidt
Andrew Schroer

Class of 1920

Miriam Arnett
Rosa Boltz
Homer Deerrhake
Mabel Eversman
Hilda Holtkamp
Edna Katterheinrich
Lenora Katterheinrich
Mildred Katterheinrich
Ruth Katterheinrich
Arnold Katterhenry
Harold Katterhenry
Adiel Kuck
Carl Kuck
Adelma Niemeyer
Reuben Schroer
Persis Schultz



Top, Sherry Wright models a cheerleading uniform from the '50's and Tina Condon a skirt and letter jacket worn by the cheerleaders in the '70's while Patty Longworth dons her mother's uniform worn in 1962. **Bottom**, in 1976, the Rangerroos often performed during basketball season. Pictured are Tracy Schroer, Beth Shiley, Marcia Niemeyer, Barb Shaw and Terri McCullough. **Right**, Teresa McCullough, Deb Shiley, Annette Niemeyer, Marcia Niemeyer, Beth Shiley and Shirley Rehmert, cheerleaders in 1975, pose in one of the many mounts popular with the cheerleaders in the '70's.



Cheerleaders' spirit shines through



Reserve — Bottom: Jill Leffel, Debbie Barnbauer, Christa Henschen. **Middle:** Naomi Poling. **Top,** Lori Barber.

In 1986 cheerleading has become more of a sport than ever. Like all sports it has frustrations. Attending camp is fun, but rising at the crack of dawn with muscles that refuse to move is frustrating.

After attending camp, the girls start practices. Since many of the girls have conflicting schedules, practices are held before school as early as 7:30. At these practices mentor Joan Kentner is sure to find bent arms and unpointed toes. This also can be frustrating.

Probably the most frustrating task of all is practicing hard all fall only to face an unresponsive crowd.

However, the varsity and reserve cheerleaders certainly brought a little spark into the student body this year. They did so by holding numerous pep rallies and challenging the classes to various contests, such as the loudest

cheering class and the class with the best wave. The players also benefitted from their efforts as they enjoyed cake, Twinkies and even Hawaiian Punch on Friday game days.

The reserve and varsity girls were very successful at camp. The varsity attended camp at Ohio Wesleyan and were named the Super Squad and received first place. This was quite an honor as they competed against squads from all over Ohio. "After camp we were really eager to use the things we learned at camp, and we grew closer as a squad," said captain Patty Longworth.

The reserve girls also brought home the hardware as they garnered fourth place overall at Cheer Ohio Camp at Kenyon College.

By Tina Condon



Varsity — Cathy Horstman, Jill Schroeder, Dionna Hoelscher, Patty Longworth, Sarah Novean.



Left, Debbie Bambauer offers special encouragement while other JV cheerleaders watch as a Ranger attempts a free throw. **Above,** Cathy Horstman and Patty Longworth display their cheerleading ability during a varsity game.



Eighth grade — Bottom: Shannon Egbert, Katie Kuck. **Middle:** Stacy Tinnerman. **Top:** Gina Lepinski.



Above, Kuck sisters, Carrie and Katie, perform a group cheer at halftime. **Above right,** seventh grade cheerleaders do the cheer "Dominate" during a time out.



Seventh grade — Bottom: Carrie Kuck, Lori Piehl, Amy Leffel, Jodi Wyatt. **Top:** Candida DePaola.

Hoge recalls good times from '69

Even back in '69 there were true blue jocks, as the saying goes. Bruce Hoge, just to name one of them, was typical — cross country runner, basketball player and trackster. But add to his list of accomplishments trombone player, vice-president and even the fastest male typist to graduate from high school.

Hoge remembered the day he went on the science field trip. The day started at the NK parking lot with Ned Wellman, Rex Katterheinrich and, of course, the senior cheerleaders departing in the same car. The plans for the day were to visit the Center of Science and Industry. But the plans were changed when Hoge's bunch got caught at a red light and couldn't catch up with the rest. So they headed for downtown Columbus to venture through the Lazarus Department Store. When that got boring, they went to a movie. By this time they thought they had better head home. "It was a great day until we got home and spoke to Mr. Keaner (the science teacher)," stated Hoge.

Sports played a major role throughout Bruce's high school career. Hoge participated in cross country, basketball and track. Hoge holds the third leading scoring record at NK by garnering 1068 points from 66-69.

His most memorable sporting event was defeating state-ranked St. Henry by four points in the sectional tournament his junior year. "It was a wild place. Women were all over the locker

room and wouldn't leave." said Hoge with a laugh. He remembers Velma Fries, wife of Coach Gene Fries, walking around as the guys were half dressed.

Hoge holds five track records at NK. These events are the 100 and 220 yard dashes, long jump, half mile relay and mile relay. Guided by head track Coach Gene Fries, Hoge was fortunate to compete at the district and regional levels in the 220 and long jump.

Hoge, also president of the band, looked back on several memories of the organization. Mr. Ruhlen, band director, gave him and Ned Wellman a pass with no time or date, and they used it all year long. With this pass, they would go up in the band room and get out everyone's instruments and play everything. One day LaRue Schrolucke, then school secretary, peeked in on them. "She knew we were not supposed to be there and she didn't say anything at all," said Hoge. Hoge recalls many of the Halloween parades. "People would sit there with bean shooters, and the beans would fly off your horns and would go ding-ding," stated Hoge.

Like today the sophomores always got the duty of serving at Prom. Hoge remembers a time when he sneaked behind the curtains and peeked through at Dick and Micheale Howe. "She screamed and we ran out the front doors of school," laughed Hoge.

By Patty Longworth

Class of 1921

Henrietta Cook
Leonard Cook
Matilda Cook
Oscar Cook
Caroline Elshoff
Mary Holtkamp
Abner Kattman
Mary Rodeheffer
Lydia Settlage

Class of 1922

Wilson Arnett
Olga Clausing
Matilda Elshoff
Cornelia Feldwisch
Bertha Hoge
Olga Holl
Hiram Katterheinrich
Leroy Kuhlman
Carrie Lutterbeck
Clarence Schmidt
Landis Schmidt
Elizabeth Schroer
Edgar Steinbrugge
Esther Stienecker
Wilson Stork

Below left, do you recognize these faces? This is the 1981-82 junior high basketball team. Four members went on to play varsity. **Row 1:** John Coffin, John Reineke, Keith Leffel, Doug Merges. **Row 2:** Greer Scoggins, manager, Scott McCabe, Rob Katterheinrich, Jeff Kuck, Jay Miller, Bryon Kuck, Coach Charles Rowen. **Below**, this 1968 basketball team defeated state-ranked St. Henry in the sectional finals to advance to districts. **Row 1:** Ted Prueter, Coach Gene Fries, Paul Fledderjohann. **Row 2:** Scott Stienecker, Nelson Wietholter, Rex Katterheinrich, Larry Kruse, Richard Wessel, Rick Haberkamp, Bruce Hoge, Dan Hegemier, Gary Schrolucke, Dick Howe, Tom Leffel, Dwain Meckstroth.



Shuster remembers depression era

Ralph "Butch" Shuster attended high school during the height of the depression — 1929-1932. The depression forced many students to quit school and start working. Ralph stayed and worked for his father in the blacksmith shop. His job was pulling off shoes and clenching feet.

After he graduated in 1932, Ralph began working at the tile mill, located where Dr. Wolfe now lives. When he started, he worked for 10¢ an hour. In the summer of 1934, he received a raise. He then worked for 12½¢ an hour.

Small wages did not bother people back then because one could buy three pounds of hotdogs for 25¢. He said, "We didn't have to worry about any sewage expenses because all we had was an outhouse."

Another factor of the depression was the paucity of food. Ralph recalled always hunting and trapping for squirrel, rabbit and pheasant. He also stated that almost everyone in town owned chickens and some even had cows or horses. The people would bring their animals into town in the evening and take them to the pasture in the morning. "With today's zoning regulations, this is not possible," Ralph added.

Ralph admitted that he was not a perfect student in school. One year he decided that he wanted to go swimming on his birthday — March 26. The

next day his dad wrote his excuse blank and put "Spring Fever" as the reason for his absence. Once his brother, Harold, had to stay home so his mother could fix his pants. His dad also wrote his excuse blank. The reason was "Out for Repairs."

Whenever students were bad, they were given a couple of cracks with a yardstick or rubber hose. Ralph's dad always said, "You probably needed it." Even though Ralph wasn't always well behaved, he did participate in many sports, including basketball. When they played Waynesfield, Ralph scored nine points — the same as 30 points today. In 1930, New Knoxville won the county tournament, but Ralph did not play because he was only a sophomore. Back then one had to be really good to be on the varsity team if he were not a senior. During one of their games, Coach Howard Brown thought the ref was giving us a raw deal. He called Ralph over to the bench and said, "Run the ref over."

In the 1940's New Knoxville began the NK Youth Activities Association, which sponsored a softball team. This team won the county tournament in 1946. In the fall they won the districts at Faurot Park in Lima. The present diamond was built in October 1944 and dedicated June 28, 1945 in front of a crowd of 1500 people. One of the biggest crowds to ever attend a soft-

ball game was on a Tuesday against Bellefontaine. At prices of 15¢ and 25¢, the school took in \$85. This softball team also played one of the longest games — 18 innings. It happened in 1945 against Dayton Moose. It was not until the eighteenth inning that Dayton Moose scored the first run of the game. The farmers went home, did their chores, and came back to watch the end of the game.

Class of 1924

Alma Buddemeyer
Oliver Eversman
Emil Fledderjohann
Orley Henkener
Esther Hoge
Arnold Katterheinrich
Raymond Katterheinrich
Karl Koepke
Robert Koepke
Elmer Kuck
Matilda Kuck
Sylvanus Niemeyer
Alfred Oelrich
Esther Oelrich
Frances Piepmeyer
Omer Raberding
Martha Rodeheffer

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NEW KNOXVILLE BOYS

2020-21		NW
Minister	20	18
Buchanan	20	20
Wagnerfield	18	22
St. Katharine's	9	25
St. Andrew's	20	24
Buchanan	20	22
St. Andrew's	18	22
Buchanan	18	20
Minister	20	21
Wagnerfield	20	21
St. Andrew's	20	21

NEW KNOXVILLE GIRLS

2000-01		NH
Rockline	51	5
Wagonsville	44	13
Wagonsville	51	10
New Wagonsville	78	19
Goldensville	74	15
Alston	14	0
Rockline	43	14
Wagonsville	15	0
New Wagonsville	50	15
Rockline	51	14
Wagonsville	54	15
Goldensville	55	15

Player	No.	Player	No.
Karlsson	22	Nico	23
Karlsson	21	Shuster	24
Podderjahn	24	Hoge	25
Wentz	25	Hoge	26
Koch	26	Schulz	27

Player	No.	Player	No.
Haworth	20	Schreiner	1
Hickathorn, M.	9	Wick, E.	
Hickman	23	Wickathorn, D.	
Hunterback	21	Wick, R.	
Knudsen	3	Wickathorn, V.	
Knutson	22	Woodhams	

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Above, county basketball tournaments were played at Memorial High School in St. Marys. Pages from a 1931 program show the rosters and schedules of both New Knoxville boys and girls. **Left**, the 1946 softball team was the district champs. **Row 1:** Lester Lutterbeck, Vernon Feldwisch, Emerson Howe, Ralph Shuster. **Row 2:** Wally Kuck, Gene Howe, Ralph Nave, Don Niemeyer, Ralph Hoelscher. **Row 3:** Myron Katterheinrich, Don Schrolucke, Lester Henschen, Paul Henschen, Bob Schrolucke, Bob Kuck Sr., Eldred Elshoff.

Class of 1925

Noah Aufderhaar
Olga Bierbaum
Leonard Clausing
Carl Eversman
Edna Fledderjohann
Arnold Haberkamp
Esther Holtkamp
Alfred Kattman
Orlando Katterheinrich
Julius Kuck
Robert Kuck
Oliver Mahn
Rebecca Niemeyer
Leonard Schroer
Gertrude Wellman



New Knoxville's first basketball team, pictured above, played in the top of the old Town Hall. Row 1: Harry Meckstroth and Reinhard Fledderjohann. Row 2: George Katterhenry, coach, Aaron Cook, Ferd Kuck, Sylvanus Eversman, Felix Cook, E.R. Kuck, manager.

Stienecker remembers state tournament

"New Knoxville had the best team that day, but Lady Luck wasn't with us. We had sickness and the officials weren't with us," said 1947 graduate Don Stienecker of New Knoxville's only appearance in the state basketball tournament.

Stienecker didn't play in the finals, however, due to an injury he suffered in the semi-finals. He was sent home and listened to the game on the radio.

The road to Columbus started with a double elimination tournament in St. Marys. New Knoxville defeated New Bremen in the first game, 34-28, and Waynesfield in the second game, 42-25. The third game saw New Knoxville defeat Minster, 45-42. Minster won the loser's bracket and again New Knoxville beat Minster, 57-50, to advance.

The next stop was at Celina for the sectionals. New Knoxville defeated Harrod, 44-31, and St. Rose, 42-35. In the championship game the Rangers beat Middlepoint, 42-32.

Bowling Green was the site for the regionals. In the first game New Knoxville defeated Holgate, 45-28. In that game Holgate's Leopold Like was All-State and averaging around 23 points. Knoxville used a special defense in stopping him. One man for the Rangers would chase the ball and the other four played a diamond around Like. This forced Holgate to shoot from the outside. Like scored but not his average. In the regional championship

game New Knoxville defeated Gibsonburg, 49-28.

Unfortunately the team was plagued with the flu the next week. Two days before the team was to play, five guys were home in bed. The team reached the end of the road at Columbus. The finals were played at the Coliseum on the State Fairgrounds. The semi-finals had New Knoxville playing against Philipsburg. The Rangers won, 51-49. New Knoxville was ahead by 17 at half but held off Philipsburg to win. This was the game in which Don Stienecker cracked his tailbone. He went to block a shot and caught his foot on the opposing player and landed on his tailbone. Jack Kuck scored 31 points in that game. The Class "B" record was 33 points.

The championship game was against Columbiana. In the game Kuck scored only two points and fouled out at the end of the third quarter. Throughout the season New Knoxville shot free throws very well but managed to hit only six of 23 against Columbiana. The local boys lost, 43-34. The ironic thing was that New Knoxville brought home the State Championship trophy by accident and made Columbiana drive down to New Knoxville and exchange trophies. Besides being state runners-up, other honors were received. Roger Settlege, who didn't play in the semi-finals due to the flu, and Jack Kuck were named to the

Class "B" State Tournament first team. Lee Kattman was named to the second team.

New Knoxville ended the regular season 15-2. They lost both games by the same score, 38-34, to Minster and Elida. In all three losses New Knoxville scored 34 points.

The team was coached by Roger Stauffer who had the philosophy that if we had the ball, the other team couldn't score. The team had set plays that were run every time down the floor. For instance, if the coach called, "Play 2," everyone knew that a specific player was going to shoot. No matter who was open only that specific player was to shoot.

Stienecker stated that one of the biggest reasons for the team's success was the city team. The city team would come to practice and work against the team.

Many rules have changed since the 1947 season. A player was allowed only four personal fouls, and if a player was called for a technical, it counted as one of his four. If a coach was charged with a technical, it was given to the captain of the team as a personal foul. A team was allowed one timeout a quarter. When a player touched the net or bankboard, it counted for two points for the other team.

By Jeff Henschen

Stauffer recalls state tourney

When New Knoxville made their only state basketball tournament appearance 39 years ago, the man who led the dynasty was Roger Stauffer.

Stauffer graduated from Ball State University in Indiana and then headed to Ohio.

In Ohio he coached at a small school in Mercer County. The school had no gym so they only played ten games, all away. The team was winless during the regular season but won its first tournament game. The following year the school shut down.

Stauffer found his way to New Knoxville and began his coaching and teaching job in the fall of '38.

In his first year of coaching at N.K., he won his first four games but never won another game the rest of the season. The bright spot of the season came when the reserve team won the JV tournament. "The town was as excited as when they went to state," said Stauffer. The JV tournament was cancelled because of a controversy. Minster claimed that New Knoxville played illegal players, but New Knoxville didn't, noted Stauffer.

The following year, New Knoxville set a record for the lowest scoring ball game. It was against Buckland, 2-0. Buckland won the tip and held it for most of the first quarter while the Rangers played their zone. Buckland finally took a shot at the end of the first quarter and missed.

New Knoxville had the ball for the beginning of the second quarter. The Rangers went down the court and Don Schrolucke hit a shot from the foul line for the first and last two points of the game. Buckland again held the ball and took a shot at the end of the second period but missed.

At the beginning of the second half,

New Knoxville won the tip and took several shots at the bucket but failed to bottom it out. Buckland held the ball for the rest of the third quarter and never took a shot. In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Buckland had the ball and stalled until New Knoxville stole the ball and held it for the rest of the game.

In the game, Buckland took two shots and New Knoxville eight. There were no fouls called. Stauffer wasn't worried about the score because the two times New Knoxville had the ball they scored once and got several shot attempts the second time. The only time New Knoxville held the ball was the last minute and half of the game.

Stauffer held practices twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday. The problem was that church choir held practices on Monday nights also. Stauffer said, "Half the guys would be here one night and the other half the next night." He told them to make a choice, but instead church choir was changed to Thursday night.

Stauffer required three things from his players. The first was that the players had to get their work at home and church done. The second was that they must keep up their grades in school and the third was to play basketball. If they did these things, they would have no time for girls. Parents were pleased. "The parents of the girls would tell me that they always knew where their daughters were," said Stauffer.

When he came to Ohio, Stauffer said he had never seen a zone defense. After one game a referee named Jim Musser asked Stauffer if he would like some help. The ref explained how the zone worked, and Stauffer put the lesson to use.

Class of 1926

Orval Evans
Elmer Elshoff
Alvina Eversman
Alice Fledderjohann
Walter Hoelscher
Howard Hinze
Joel Hoge
Carl Holl
Olga Katterheinrich
Alice Kuck
Malinda Kuck
Viola Schultz
Gertrude Stienecker
Velma Wierwille

Class of 1927

Arnold Eversman
Norma Eversman
Luetta Fledderjohann
Mary Henkener
Aldelma Henschen
Ruth Holl
Lawrence Holtkamp
Florenz Katterheinrich
Meta Kuck
Lester Lutterbeck
Paul Lammers
Arnold Meckstroth
Naomi Rodeheffer
Esther Schroer
Pauline Schroer
Evandeline Sunderman
Clara Wiethoff

The highlight of his coaching career came when New Knoxville made its only state tournament appearance in 1947. Stauffer felt that if they hadn't had sickness, they would have won. He added, "Minster was better than either team New Knoxville played at state. "All the problems," said Stauffer, referring to the team's unfortunate illnesses and injuries, is one memory of the state tournament. One positive thing that happened at state was all the attention the eight cheerleaders received from photographers that came to take pictures of the game.

The attitude of the community was enthusiastic. "The town could have burned down because no one was home," Stauffer said of the following the team received from the townspeople. He added that around tournament time they would decorate Adolph's front windows. They would put pictures of the ball players made into statues and place them in the windows.

By Jeff Henschen

The 1947 state runners-up — **Row 1:** Reuben Holtkamp, Robert Rain, Don Stienecker, William Arnett, Lee Kattman. **Row 2:** Kermit Warner, Roger Settlege, Jack Kuck, Dick DuBois, John Hoge, and Coach Roger Stauffer.



Class of 1928

Olga Beickman
Robert Bierbaum
Olga Eschmeyer
Lauretta Evans
Viola Haberkamp
Beatrice Hinze
Lenora Hoelscher
Clara Katterheinrich
Howard Kuck
Mildred Kuhlman
Alvera Mahn
Francis Niemeyer
Paul Rodeheffer
Olga Schroer
Oliver Schroerlucke
Wilson Westerbeck

Class of 1929

Albert Aufderhaar
Taletha Aufderhaar
Zella Clausing
Edith Duhme
Clara Elshoff
Neil Henkener
Leonard Henschen
Velma Henschen
Kathryn Hoerath
Olga Hoge
Albert Katterheinrich
Alvina Katterheinrich
Bernice Katterheinrich
Norman Katterheinrich
Robert Katterheinrich
Marcella Katterhenry
Valada Kuck
Tabitha Lammers
Dallas Lutterbeck
David Rodeheffer
Albert Schroer
Carl Schroer
Harry Schultz
Reuben Stienecker
Alice Wierwille
Arnold Wierwille

The small gym was the site of many exciting basketball games before it was replaced in 1976. **Right**, Lee Katterheinrich (53), a member of the 1958-59 team, goes up during a jump ball while Ron Howe (34), Bill Kuhlman (55) and Bob Wierwille await the tip.

McClure remembers "Best years"

Tom McClure, a member of the class of 1960, still holds memories of his days at New Knoxville. Although he is a Ph.D. agricultural economist at Battel Memorial Institute in Columbus, he still calls N.K. home.

"Those were the happiest days of my life," said McClure. "When you grow up in a small community, you never forget."

The basketball team Tom's senior year had a fairly successful year. They played archrivals New Bremen twice in regular season play. They suffered two losses by two and three points each game. But when they confronted each other in the county tournament, the Rangers prevailed by a score of 54-51.

It was then on to the sectionals

where the Rangers captured the sectional title. They then proceeded to eliminate St. Henry in the first game of districts.

In district finals officiating, according to McClure, cost the team the championship. "Fouls were the deciding factor in the game. Coach Borkosky even thought we got shafted," said McClure. "Most of the starters fouled out with cheap fouls, and sophomores had to fill in."

"We didn't go all the way our senior year," said McClure, "but we had the satisfaction of saying that we beat New Bremen, the local team that went to the state semi-finals."

By Jerry Lehman

'49 grad still holds record

Jack Kuck, a 1947 graduate, enjoyed an outstanding high school basketball career.

Kuck said that his most exciting game was his trip to the state tournament in 1947 where they were defeated by a team down by the Ohio River called Columbiana. At that time New Knoxville was rated as a class B school. Now the schools are rated as class A, AA and AAA.

Kuck noted that the style of basketball is different from today. "When we played we wouldn't shoot unless we had a good shot. Now they figure the more they shoot, the more chance of scoring."

Kuck said that they would only practice twice a week, usually Monday and

Wednesday. Then they would have a game on Friday. On the days that they would have a game, the players would not be permitted to practice or even touch the ball until the game.

Kuck's personal career was a commendable one in itself. He played all four years of high school, played every game, started varsity towards the middle of his freshman year and scored at least one point in every game during the four years.

Kuck also holds high school records that still stand today. He is the second highest scorer with 1342 points. He also holds the record for the most field goals with 549. Kuck has also played the most basketball games with 101.

By Rick Neuman





Seventh grade — Row 1: Ian Tokash, Chad Elshoff, Matt Schrolucke, Kort Fledderjohann, Jeff Speckman. **Row 2:** Richard Maurer, Jon Lepinski, Scott Neace, David Shupp, Eric Stroh.



Eighth grade — Row 1: Jason Briscoe, Kyle Schroer, Matt Lammers, Dan Bader. **Row 2:** Fred Homan, Brent Lauth, Chad Thobe, Matt Condon. **Row 3:** Greg Metzger, Barry Kuck, Darin Schroeder, Terry Clune.



JH takes second in county

The eighth grade boys ended their basketball season having to settle for a respectable second place in the junior high boys' tournament for the second straight year. They were defeated by Minster, who won it for the third consecutive year. This left the Rangers 10-6 for the year.

Pressure, nerves and sickness all played roles in the championship game. "They had a case of nerves and sickness," said first-year coach Ron Kruse. "This was the first time they had

played before that many people."

Second place is not as sweet as first, according to Kruse. "Show me a person who accepts losing, and I will show you a loser," he said. "These guys have a definite will to win."

The seventh grade faced many bigger and stronger teams. Although their record was below .500, they lost many close games. Seven of the eight losses were by a total of 34 points.

By Jerry Lehman

COACH'S NOTES			
7th Grade			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	St. Henry	16	41
L	New Bremen	14	21
W	Minster	25	19
W	Holy Rosary	31	16
L	Jackson Center	29	34
W	Houston	29	15
W	Botkins	29	19
L	Jackson Center	31	39
L	Russia	20	23
L	Wapak St. Joe	30	32
W	Anna	38	22
L	Coldwater	33	37
W	Botkins	26	12
L	New Bremen	20	25
Record 6-8			

8th Grade			
COACH'S NOTES			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	St. Henry	37	52
W	New Bremen	48	27
L	Minster	33	36
W	Holy Rosary	34	27
W	Jackson Center	48	47
W	Houston	51	24
L	Botkins (2ot)	48	50
W	Jackson Center	49	40
W	Russia	48	34
W	Wapak St. Joe	51	23
W	Anna	37	30
L	Coldwater	36	53
L	Botkins	35	44
W	New Bremen	42	16
TOURNAMENT			
W	Wapak St. Joe	52	30
L	Minster	32	35

Above left, seventh grader Jon Lepinski goes airborne in this shot attempt against Coldwater. The Rangers lost, 37-33. **Left,** eighth grader Matt Lammers hangs in the air while shooting in a game against Holy Rosary as Matt Condon watches. The Rangers won, 34-27.



Row 1: Chad Wyatt, Matt Gilfillen, Dan Bower, Scott Schroer. **Row 2:** Chris Tinnerman, Mike Henschen, Jeff Lehman, Allen Schroer, Daniel Allen.

Freshmen find season tough

The freshmen boys' basketball team found out high school is not as easy as it looks. Last year's county runners-up at the junior high level ended the season with four wins against eight losses.

"They improved during the season but they still have room for more improvement," said first-year coach Dan Doseck. The team's success from last year's tournament failed to carry them this season. The Rangers were defeated by a larger Ft. Loramie squad in the first game of the freshmen tournament at Parkway.

Staying academically eligible in high school was also found to be more difficult as one player was lost for the entire season and another for part of it. People who hadn't played much in junior high were called upon to fill in positions and did so with much enthusiasm.

Although the team was small, a few of them made accomplishments of their own. The top three scorers for the team were Jeff Lehman with 137 points, Daniel Allen with 118 points and Chris Tinnerman with 68 points.

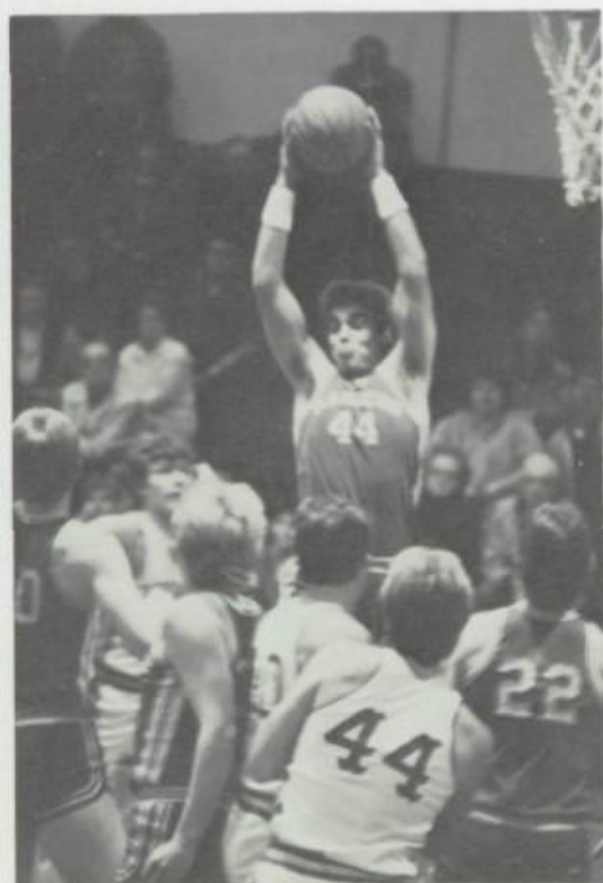
COACH'S NOTES			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	Jackson Center	27	40
W	Botkins	39	30
L	Parkway	43	50
L	New Bremen	26	49
L	Botkins	27	40
W	Waynesfield	31	28
L	Ft. Recovery	24	31
L	Marion Local	25	39
W	Houston	33	28
W	Waynesfield	28	24
L	Marion Local	20	26
L	Jackson Center	33	35
Tournament			
L	Ft. Loramie	31	35
L	Parkway	34	42
Record: 4-10			

Above left, Dan Bower shoots a "J" against Marion Local as Allen Schroer (2) gets ready for the rebound. **Above right,** Daniel Allen goes high in "Air Jordan" basketball shoes against Marion Local. Allen averaged 8.4 points a game. **Right,** Jeff Lehman puts up a shot in traffic against Marion Local. Lehman scored eight points in the loss, 26-20.





Row 1: Brett Fledderjohann, Shawn Egbert, Brian Lammers, Mark Lageman, Neal Ray. **Row 2:** Matt Schneider, Jerry Lehman, Phil Kuck, Ryan Egbert, Matt Gabel.



JV's have the attitude

Although the scoreboards say that the reserve boys' basketball team didn't win many games, Coach Chuck Rowen feels they are still winners. One of their characteristic qualities is that "the kids never quit," noted Rowen. The team needed to look past the record to future games "which they successfully did. They had a great attitude."

The team experienced several downfalls throughout the season. Matt Gabel missed five days of practice and one game due to a bruised rib. Phil Kuck and Jerry Lehman were taken out of seasonal action with three games left because of a broken nose for the former and a broken foot for the latter. Other players who suffered were Neal Ray, who received seven stitches over one eye, and Mark Lageman, who contracted the flu.

Another problem the JV's encountered was consistent good playing. "In each game one or two kids played very well but never all five starters at the same time," said Rowen.

Top right, junior Matt Gabel gives a fake against Ft. Loramie as Shawn Egbert looks on. Gabel was a scrappy guard that ran the offense. **Above left,** junior Jerry Lehman goes up high for the rebound against New Bremen while Phil Kuck (40), Matt Schneider and Ryan Egbert (22) watch. Lehman went out with a broken foot in the Coldwater game. **Left,** sophomore Mark Lageman grabs the carom against Ft. Loramie. Mark came on in the latter part of the season to earn a starting position.

In the statistics department the team averaged 35 points per game. Jerry Lehman scored 126 points in 17 games and Matt Gabel scored 121 in 19 games. Al Homan had the highest free throw percentage with 88 percent for his nine JV games before he became a varsity starter.

By Dionna Hoelscher

COACH'S NOTES			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	Botkins	33	45
L	Russia	34	50
W	Waynesfield	46	39
L	Anna	44	56
L	New Bremen	28	42
W	Mendon	47	41
L	Minster	38	52
L	Houston	29	43
L	Spencerville	35	46
L	New Bremen	36	40
L	Jackson Center	37	54
L	Delphos St. John's	34	49
L	Parkway	48	49
L	Fairlawn	36	57
L	St. Henry	36	49
L	Riverside	38	48
L	Coldwater	27	58
L	Ft. Recovery	39	63
L	Marion Local	19	57
L	Ft. Loramie	49	66
Record: 2-18			

Inexperienced, determined team does well

This year's varsity looked different in many ways. At the helm was a new coach — Dennis Henschen. The former girls' varsity coach faced an inexperienced team. Only two players, John Reineke and Keith Leffel, had much varsity experience. The two shared a starting position for part of the season last year.

The other two seniors, Doug Merges and Rob Katterheinrich, and juniors, Jeff Henschen and Allen Homan, brought lots of reserve experience to the club.

The season began well for the Rangers, but then they ran up against the giants of the MAC and suffered several losses in the second half of the season, finishing 8-14 overall and 3-6 in the MAC.

Fans saw some tough games, close defeats and, most importantly, three major victories. These came over county rival New Bremen. Early in the season the Rangers defeated the Cardinals on their home floor, 55-54. On January 3, New Bremen came to New Knoxville to seek revenge, but the Rangers came out the victors once again, 68-53.

One close defeat came on the home floor against Ft. Loramie during Parents Night. New Knoxville lost the contest in what was a very controversial last eight seconds of the game.

The stage was now set for tournaments. The boys, along with the fans from New Knoxville, enjoyed a victory in the first round of sectionals by beating New Bremen for the third time, 50-48. The sectional final game was against state-ranked St. Henry, who defeated the Rangers for second straight year, 74-57.

Although the record may have been disappointing compared to last year's successful record, the team made it just as far this year in tournaments. The season brought back spirit and fun not only to the players but also to the fans.

By Julie Katterheinrich

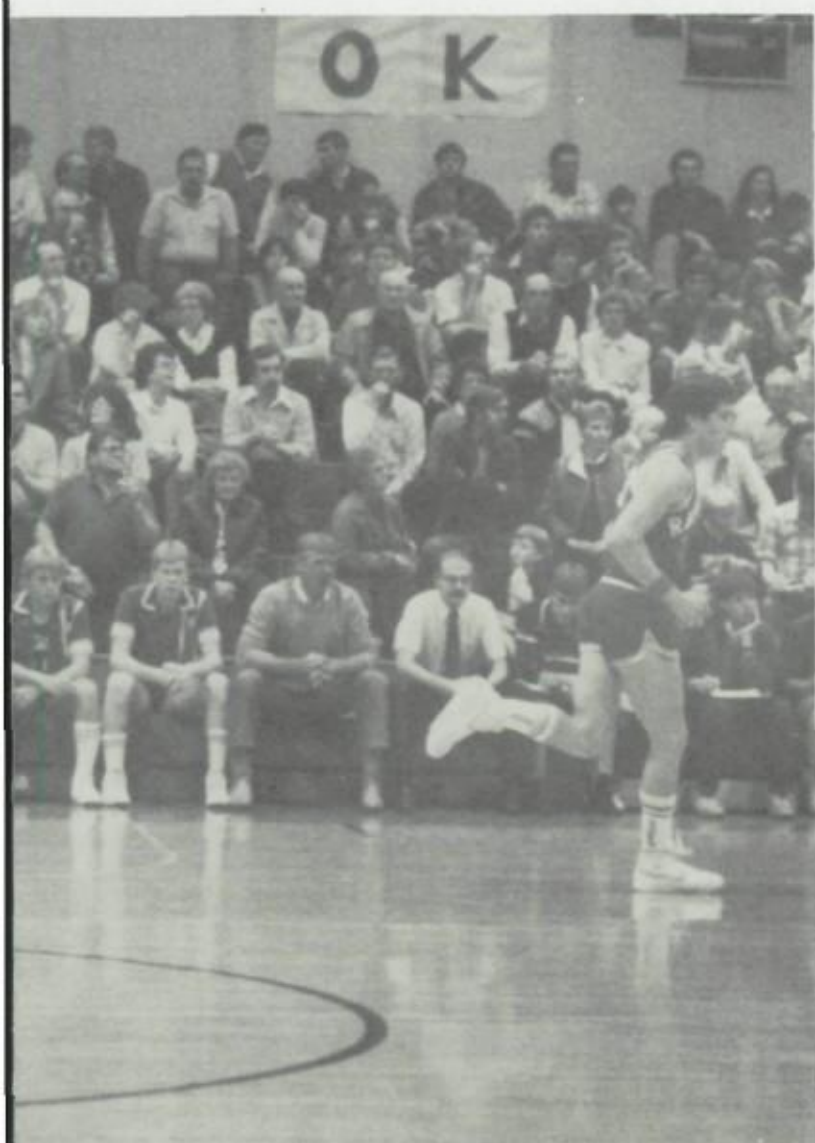


Top, Jeff Henschen concentrates hard on the rim in this shot against Minster while Doug Merges begins to fight for the rebound. **Top right**, Allen Homan drives around St. Henry's Craig Brockman to the bucket. Homan was moved up from the JV team and started the Spencerville game until the end of the season. Homan and Henschen led the team with 78 percent from the foul line. **Middle**, Rob Katterheinrich prepares himself before he shoots his free throws. Katterheinrich hit two key free throws late in the New Bremen game to help his team prevail, 55-54. **Middle right**, Jeff Henschen and John Reineke bring the ball up past the bench as Coach Henschen shouts instructions during the Anna game. The Rangers came back from a nine-point deficit at halftime but ran out of time. **Right**, the lead out at every home game brings the local fans to their feet to welcome the Rangers onto the floor.





Row 1: Matt Gabel, Matt Schneider, Keith Leffel, Allen Homan. **Row 2:** Rob Katterheinrich, Ryan Egbert, Doug Merges, John Reineke, Jeff Henschen, Jerry Lehman.



COACH'S NOTES			
W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	Botkins	44	46
L	Russia	46	70
W	Waynesfield	62	57
L	Anna	47	50
W	New Bremen	55	54
W	*Mendon	48	43
L	*Minster	54	64
W	Houston	64	46
L	Spencerville	61	63
W	*New Bremen	68	53
L	Jackson Center	65	71
L	*Del. St. John's	46	78
W	*Parkway	60	58
L	Fairlawn	53	72
L	*St. Henry	62	87
L	Riverside	66	47
L	*Coldwater	57	88
L	*Ft. Recovery	49	50
L	*Marion Local	27	43
L	Ft. Loramie Tournament	57	59
W	New Bremen	50	48
L	St. Henry	57	74
*MAC Games			



Top left, John Reineke puts up a shot over Marion's Brian Drees. Reineke scored seven points in helping the Rangers to stay close during the game. He led the team in rebounds averaging 6.9. Reineke received honorable mention MAC and Leaderland second team. **Top right,** Doug Merges pulls down the rebound against New Bremen. The Rangers won, 55-54. Merges averaged 5.2 rebounds. **Above,** Keith Leffel goes in for a lay up against Waynesfield. Leffel, who had 21 points in the win, was the leading scorer, averaging 16.5 points. He was named to the MAC and Leaderland first teams, District 8 second team, and received honorable mention from the Dayton Daily News and Northwest District.

Baseball struggles again

Under eleventh-year head coach Steve Trout and rookie assistant Keith Thobe the baseball team completed a record of 2-16. Victories were garnered from Mendon Union and Botkins by scores of 13-9 and 9-7.

Despite the unfortunate number of losses, hitting was a positive aspect of the team. "The hitting was about the only high point of the season," commented Trout. The team completed a batting average of .233 with Keith Leffel and Scott McCabe recording the highest with .359 and .333. Besides, Leffel also had five doubles and thirteen RBI's. John Reineke recorded four home runs.

Although the hitting was strong, a team needs to have respectable defense and pitching to gain victories. "Defense was a major problem because of the lack of playing time by the kids. A lot of them played as well as they could. They're not experienced

enough," remarked Trout.

To sum up the season the players cited many of their memorable highlights of the discouraging season. "Our abilities were there, but we had some detrimental errors at key times in the games," said McCabe. "But we did double our wins from last year," the senior said.

"If people learn from their mistakes, then the baseball team learned a lot," commented Jeff Henschen, a junior.

"The team's success is not always measured in wins and losses," stated Leffel, another senior.

"One of the factors that determines the outcome of a game is the experience of the players. We lacked experience, which tarnished our baseball quality," added senior Reineke.

While the team may have suffered a lackluster season, "the diamond looked beautiful," noted Coach Trout.

By Patty Longworth



Top center, Senior Scott McCabe bunts the ball trying to force a squeeze play at Botkins. The Rangers went on to win the game 9-7. Scott received honorable mention MAC. **Above,** "This one's mine!" Keith Leffel gets ahold of a nice pitch leaving the catcher empty handed. Keith received honorable mention MAC and played in the senior all-star game. **Above right,** Mark Lageman prepares to put one down town. Mark was one of the two sophomores on the team and drew a team high of 14 walks. **Bottom right,** Bart Howe, another senior, waits for a pitch to be delivered. Bart batted .263 for the season.





COACH'S NOTES

W/L	OPPONENT	WE	THEY
L	Anna	3	10
L	Riverside	2	9
L	Botkins	6	7
W	*Mendon	13	9
L	*Minster	3	14
L	*New Bremen	1	3
L	Lima Perry	0	11
L	Lima Perry	2	11
L	*Parkway	3	21
L	Jackson Center	4	8
W	Botkins	9	7
L	*Coldwater	4	21
L	*St. Henry	1	15
L	Anna	6	14
L	*Ft. Recovery	1	10
L	*Marion Local	8	18
L	Spencerville	5	20
TOURNAMENT			
L	Minster	2	12
*MAC Games			



Row 1: Chris Tinnerman, Daniel Allen, Neal Ray, Michael Allen, Mark Lageman, Justin Schrolucke. **Row 2:** Coach Steve Trout, John Reineke, Scott McCabe, Jeff Henschen, Matt Gabel, Assistant Coach Keith Thobe. Not pictured: Bart Howe

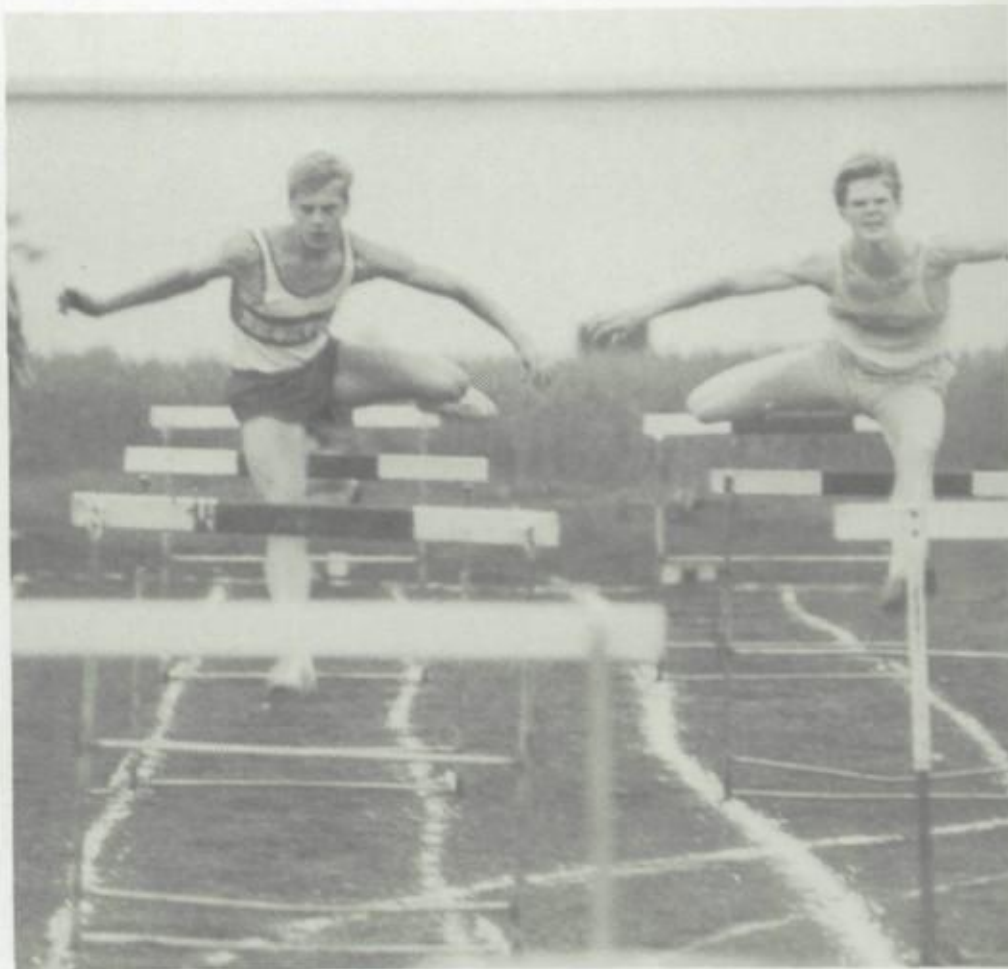


Top center, in a zone all his own? Well . . . maybe. Jeff Henschen concentrates on the strike zone after he has released the ball. Jeff was credited with the win over Botkins. **Above**, Senior John Reineke hurls the ball to the infield from center. John received



Row 1: Joe DePaola, Tom Lepinski, Scott Schroer, Mike Novean, Kipp Katterheinrich, Brett Fledderhjoahnn

Row 2: Jeff Henschen, Rick Neuman, John Reineke, Brian Lammers, Michael Allen, Daniel Allen.



Practice adds up to victory

The high school boys' track team was once again small in numbers. With only 13 members it is hard to place a competitor in each event.

The paucity of numbers didn't stop the Rangers from winning their first dual meet in six years by defeating Russia, 77½-68½. First place went to Daniel Allen in the two mile, Brian Lammers in the 110 high hurdles, John Reineke in the shot put, Joe DePaola, Reineke, Jeff Henschen and Doug Merges in the 400 relay and Tom Lepinski, Lammers, Rick Neuman and Mike Movean in the 1600 relay.

In the MAC at Minster, New Knoxville scored one point as John Reineke placed sixth in the discus. He broke a school record by throwing it 119-7.

By Jeff Henschen



Top, sophomore Brian Lammers glides over the hurdle. Lammers set a school record in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 16.6. **Above left,** "I said right there," exclaims head coach Jerry Merges at a meet with Ft. Recovery and Fairlwan. Merges has directed the teams for the last four years. **Above right,** Matt Gabel strides to the finish line in the 1600 relay at the MAC meet at Minster.



Top, juniors Jeff Henschen and Ryan Egbert and senior Doug Merges battle it out with Botkins and Fairlawn at the N.K. Gun Club, the site of this year's home meets. The Rangers finished second to Botkins but ran ahead of Fairlawn. **Bottom left**, freshman Daniel Allen strides on by in a home meet. Daniel ran well at the districts but didn't qualify for the regionals. **Bottom right**, John Reineke, a two-year letter winner, runs the last stretch of the 3.1-mile course.



Row 1: Jason Metzger and Randy Hirschfeld, managers. **Row 2:** Kipp Katterheinrich, Shawn Egbert, Scott Schroer. **Row 3:** Matt Gabel, Gregg Kuck, Brett Fledderjohann, Todd Kuck. **Row 4:** Daniel Allen, Ryan Egbert, Brian Lammers. **Row 5:** Coach Jerry Merges, Doug Merges, John Reineke, Jeff Henschen.

New coach brings new hope

"I feel good, I feel great and I lo-o-ove cross country!" This motto, instilled by new head coach Jerry Merges, must have really worked, for the team put it all together this season, starting with 7 a.m. practices, winning meets and rarely finishing last.

The team did not win every meet but added competition in the sport. In the meet against Anna, New Bremen and Mendon, the boys did very well by tying for second with New Bremen.

Junior Jeff Henschen noted the team's steady improvement and foresees an even better year next year with the junior high moving up.

The top five runners were Doug Merges, John Reineke, Jeff Henschen, Brett Fledderjohann and Daniel Allen.

The MAC meet was held on October 8. The team finished seventh out of eighth. Districts were held on October 19 at Faurot Park in Lima. No team member qualified for the regionals.

By Sherry Wright

Cross country and track enjoy success

The nine-man 1985 junior high cross country team set a standard of excellence for all runners that followed. The team was undefeated and won seven dual or tri-meets as well as the Invationals at Spencerville, Ft. Loramie, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery and the MAC championships.

Along the way the runnin' Rangers defeated all "A" schools in the MAC and Shelby County League as well as St. Marys, Van Wert, Celina and Greenville in various invationals. They gave their honest effort all season and were rewarded with a great record and trophies for the school trophy case.

The success of the cross country program did not end. It continued into the boys' junior high track season. The boys had a very prolific season, defeating nearly all of their opponents by decisive margins. The runners lost only to Minster by six points.

"Besides Minster, we were probably the best junior high team in the MAC," commented first-year track coach Jerry Merges Jr.

By Tina Condon



Cross country team — Row 1: Jason Metzger and Randy Hirschfeld, managers. **Row 2:** Jon Lepinski, Chad Elshoff, Matt Schrolucke. **Row 3:** Terry Clune, Dan Bader, Kyle Schroer, Matt Condon. **Row 4:** Coach Jerry Merges, Greg Metzger, Matt Lammers.



Track team — Row 1: Richard Maurer, Eric Stroh, Kort Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Barry Kuck, Scott Welch, Jason Metzger, manager. **Row 2:** Brent Lauth, David Shupp, Kyle Schroer, Matt Lammers, Jason Briscoe, Matt Condon, Chad Thobe, Dan Bader.

Top left, Greg Metzger and Dan Bader begin to kick it in the last stretch of the two mile course. **Top right,** Matt Condon finds himself all alone as he prepares to finish the race. **Middle left,** Chad Elshoff flies over the hurdles while keeping an eye on the finish line at a home meet against Marion Local. **Middle right,** Jason Briscoe puts the shot into the air.

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Class of 1930

Marcella Beickman
Ruth Bierbaum
Dorothy Eversman
Miriam Henschen
Raymond Henschen
Geraldine Fledderjohann
Oscar Hoelscher
Ella Hoge
Marie Holl
Garad Horn
Selma Katterheinrich
Verlin Katterheinrich
Kermit Kuck
Mary Lutterbeck
Viola Mahn
Elenora Meckstroth
Lawrence Meckstroth
Paul Meckstroth
Mildred Nuesmeyer
Harold Opperman
Alice Schmidt
Wilson Schrolucke
Emma Stork
Harold Thees
Viola Warner
Lavera Westerbeck
Adella Wiethoff

Class of 1931

Earl Eversman
Arthur Fledderjohann
Marie Fledderjohann
Kermit Henkener
Kenith Hinze
Ernest Kattman
Alice Kuck
Harley Kuck
Marcella Kuck
Ruby Kuck
Robert Mahn
Grace Meckstroth
Walter Meyer
Allen Niemeyer
Mary Nuesmeyer
Esther Rodeheffer
Noah Rodeheffer
Rufus Settlage
Vernon Shuster
Grace Sunderman
Alice Schrolucke
Mildred Westerbeck
Reuben Wierwille

Henschen's still cruisin'

Brent Henschen, a member of the class of '74, is still doing what he did back in high school — cruisin'. Cruising on the weekend thrilled many high school students back then. "I now drive around and stop the people for doing what I used to do," said Brent.

To have been able to cruise, one needed to have an 8-track tape player in his car. Some present artists — Olivia Newton John, Billy Joel and Neil Diamond — were just getting their start then.

Listening to music and cruising were not the only things the seniors enjoyed. They also enjoyed attending 4-H meetings and watching basketball games. After the games they would go either to Adolph's, the Pizza Shack (now the Coat of Arms) near St. Marys or BK Rootbeer near Wapak. A popular spot then, as now, was the Carousel.

On Monday, however, it was back to school. However, none of the classes included publications. The seniors

were responsible for publishing the yearbook for which Brent remembers taking pictures.

This is not the only thing he remembers. "Vo-ag was probably my favorite class. Things happened in there my senior year that I can't tell you," said Brent. During his first three years of high school, Mr. Martin Rehmert was the vo-ag instructor. His instructor his senior year was Mr. Lynn Geitgey.

The most important aspect of the senior year is graduation. When Brent graduated, both baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies were held. The speaker at baccalaureate was Dr. William Tuck, a United Church of Christ minister from Tiffin. Speaking at commencement was Mr. Von Crabbill, a TV2 newscaster from Dayton. The valedictorian and salutatorian were Joe Horstman and Judy Kelle-meyer, respectively.

By Gregg Kuck

Neuman recalls cherished FFA past

Elmer Neuman, a 1958 graduate, participated in FFA for all four years of high school. His adviser was Mr. Frank Kelly. His chapter was the first to host the FFA banquet.

When he was in FFA, the chapter concentrated on firearm safety. The group had a rifle range and a trap shooting house, which was located on Neuman's farm.

One of Neuman's many awards included a trip to the Piper Airplane Factory in Pennsylvania and Niagra Falls. Neuman had many projects in FFA, but one of the biggest was the construction of the garden tractor he built from scratch.

Neuman was elected treasurer his sophomore year, vice president his junior year and president his senior year.

"FFA gave me a lot of personal benefits, too. It gave me a personal satisfaction that I could succeed in life and accomplish great things," said Neuman. He added that his instructor taught many other things such as good conduct values.

Fun and pranks were also a part of the group. Neuman remembers one incident that literally went up in smoke. He and another guy were told to burn the trash in the shop. They did burn the trash in the shop — literally.

By Rick Neuman

Right: Don Warner, Elmer Neuman and Bill Sudman, members of the FFA and the Class of '58, tune up the car before they go cruising for a test drive.



1970 grad achieves success in FHA

"I was willing to go for it," said 1970 State FHA president Susan George. "Mrs. Titus thought I had a lot to offer and encouraged me to run for state president."

1970 grad Susan George ran for state FHA president at the end of her junior year and was elected state president for the 1969-1970 year. To run for president, George was required to have a state degree. She also filled out a questionnaire and obtained recommendations from people in the community. The state screening committee then selected four possible candidates. The four possibilities then presented a speech to their fellow FHA members at state convention, after which a vote was taken and the president elected.

After being elected state president, George was kept quite busy. "People would write and ask me to speak at their gatherings." George visited such prestigious gatherings as the state DECA and FFA banquets. As a matter of fact, George missed her senior prom to speak at the state FFA banquet. Besides traveling throughout the state, George's duties included organizing the state FHA calendar and presiding over the meetings at state conventions.

The local FHA chapter held many different activities than the girls do today. For instance, the club contributed

to the Children's Hospital by holding a Penny Walk. The girls would place white tape on the floor between the office and seventh grade room. As students passed the tape, they could place pennies on it. The money was then gathered and given to Children's Hospital.

During FHA week, the members would attend church together. Every year they would switch churches "to get the idea of the different religions," stated George.

The girls experienced different cultures by holding a foreign dinner every year for the chapter. "It was always a highpoint of the year," remembers George. "When I think of FHA, I think of Mrs. Titus. She really helped us develop our potential," stated George.

Besides having many highlights in FHA, George remembers another exciting high school memory. During her senior year, George and the high school band played at the opening of the Neil Armstrong Museum. "The governor was there and so was the Purdue Marching Band. It rained all day and everyone was running for shelter," laughed George.

George and husband Wayne reside in Toledo with sons, Nathan, Michael and David. George is employed as a key line artist.

By Tina Condon

Class of 1932

Viola Arnett
Marianne Elshoff
Vera Griesinger
Lucille Gruebmeier
Elmer Henschen
Kermit Katterheinrich
Robert Kruse
Harold Kuck
Norman Kuhlman
Mildred Lammers
Lavina Melter
Evelyn Schroeder
Ruth Schellenberger
Enoch Schultz
Ralph Shuster
Harry Wierwille
Luella Wierwille

Class of 1933

Guy Buddemeyer
Louise Eversman
Robert Eversman
Oliver Hoge
James Holl
Ruth Holtkamp
Eunice Katterheinrich
Dorothea Kipp
Calvin Kuck
Esther Kuck
Lillian Kuck
Kenneth Meckstroth
Olga Meckstroth
Ruth Meckstroth
Viola Meckstroth
Lenora Niemeyer
Norman Opperman
Ruth Settlage
Elsie Shupp
Henry Wibbeler



Left, Susan George served as State FHA President during the 1969-70 school year. Susan's mother, Jan, was chosen State FHA mother in 1974. **Above**, the local chapter was honored once again in 1983 when Rhonda Stephenson was chosen the state FHA representative. She then competed in the Ohio State Fair Queen contest, where she was named second runner-up.

Year of firsts for FFA

1985-86 was a year of firsts for the New Knoxville FFA chapter. It was the first time in many years that a state degree was achieved. It was also the first year for a woman to hold the position of FFA adviser.

In April a great FFA tradition was resparked. Local FFA president, Allen Homan, a junior, received the state farm degree. Homan filled out a number of forms, listing his activities, home improvements projects completed and different enterprises, such as planting acres of corn. Homan sent his forms to local competition.

At the local level two percent qualified for state. Homan was fortunate enough to make the state level. During state level competition forms were evaluated and a cut-off percent determined. Homan made the winning percent and received his state farm degree.

On April 26 Homan traveled to Columbus to the Ohio State Fairgrounds to receive the awards. "It was a great honor, especially since no one has received it the last couple of years," said Homan of the honor.

The highlight of the year is the annual FFA banquet. This year the banquet was held on April 18 and consisted of a supper, the crowning of a 1986 FFA queen and an awards presentation. Senior Jill Schroeder reigned as queen. Al Homan garnered two awards: Star Chapter Farmer and Leadership. Star Chapter Greenhand went to Scott Schroer. Brett Fledderjohann received the scholarship award.

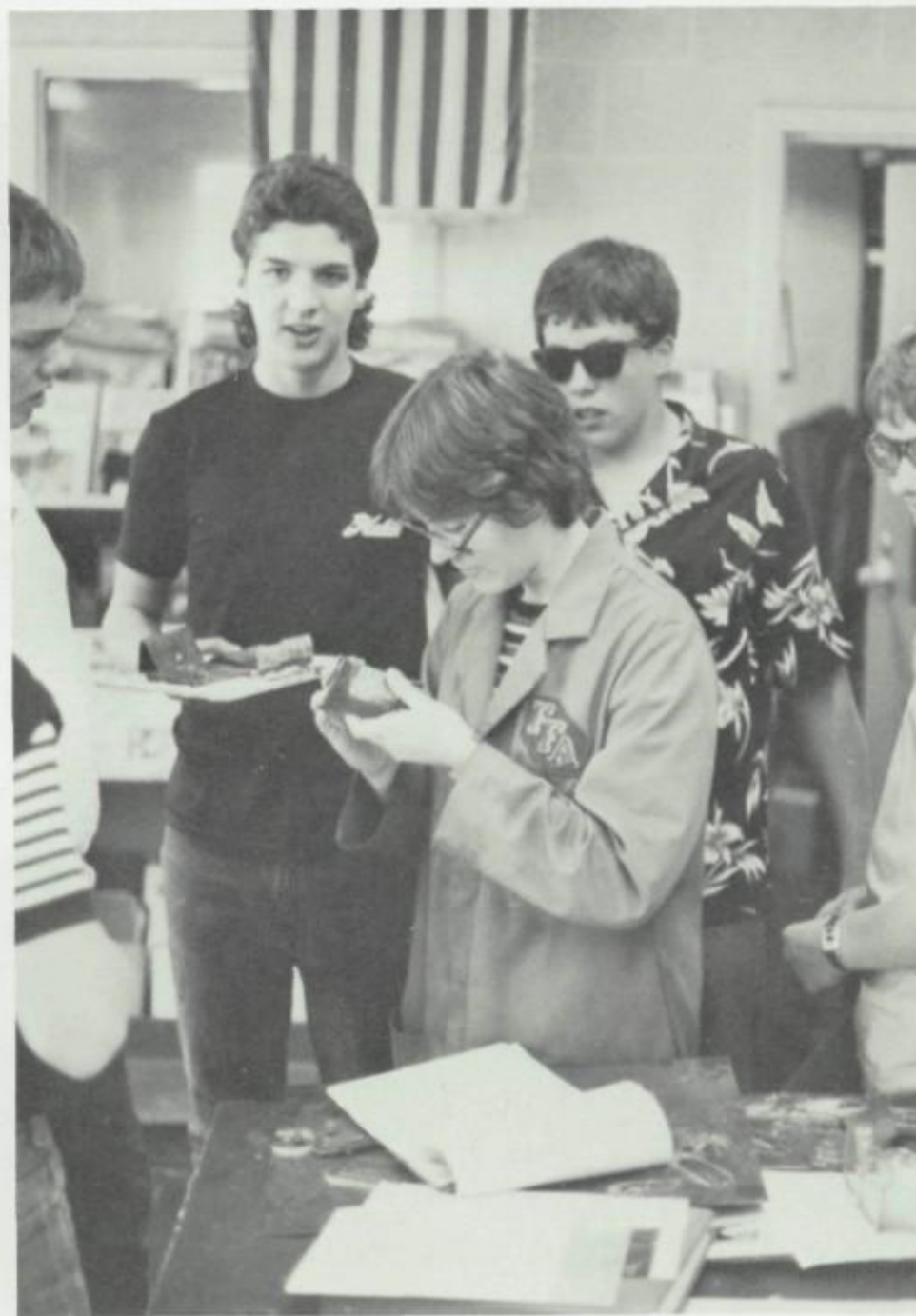
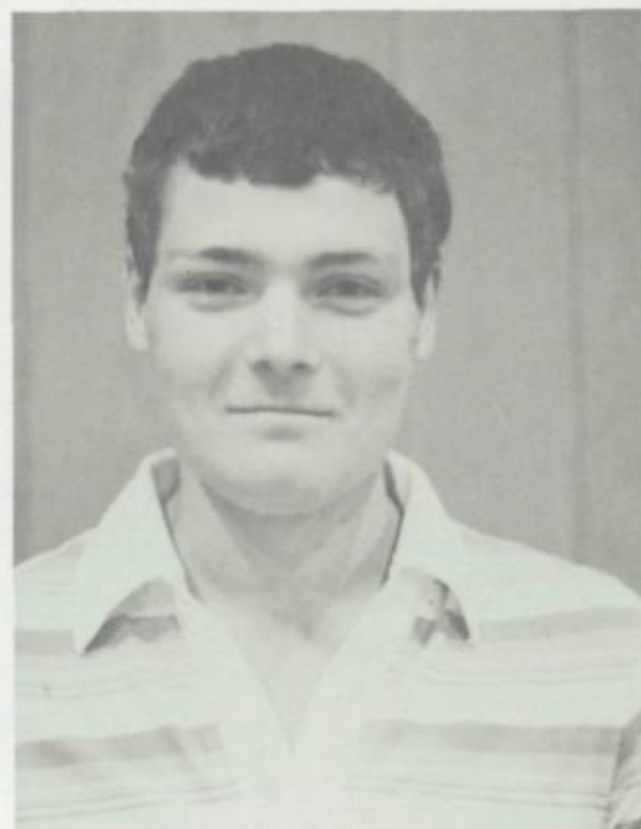
In September Mrs. Bonnie Watkins, a first-year teacher took the spot of vo-ag teacher and FFA adviser. This was the first time in New Knoxville that a woman held this position. "I was raised on a farm and always enjoyed working in agriculture. Teaching vo-ag gives me the opportunity to remain involved with the agriculture community while working with students," said Watkins about her role in a male-dominated profession.

By Tina Condon



Top, kneeling: Jay Cummins. **Row 1:** Dirk Meckstroth, George Franks, Wendy Cummins, Scott Schroer, Matt Hoelscher, Allen Homan, Justin Schrolucke. **Row 2:** Brian Lammers, Rob Katterheinrich, Jeff Schafer, Brett Fledderjohann, Chris Tinnerman, Shawn Egbert. **Middle,** Gary Kuck, Charles Schafer and Murry Chalk stand by their escorts, Bryon Kuck and Rob Katterheinrich, while they receive Honorary Chapter Farmer awards at the FFA banquet. **Right,** speaker at the FFA banquet, Mark Elsass of Anna, is a state FFA officer and has just received an American Farm degree.





Top left, 1985 officers — Row 1: George Franks, sentinel; Allen Homan, president; Brett Fledderjohann, vice president; Wendy Cummins, student adviser. **Row 2:** Shawn Egbert, reporter; Brian Lammers, treasurer; Jeff Schafer, secretary. **Top right, Allen Horman, president of the**

FFA, was awarded the State Farmer degree in April. **Above left, standing, Christa Henschen, Jill Schroeder, Ann Homan. Seated, Angie Arnett.** Senior Jill Schroeder was named 1986 FFA queen during the FFA banquet. Schroeder will be unable to compete for the state queen title,

however, because of a new rule which allows only an FFA member to compete. **Above right, Michael Henschen and Justin Schrolucke wait and observe as first-year vo-ag teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Watkins, grades the students' welding projects.**

FHA/HERO encounters new horizons

Under the auspices of Mrs. Joyce Titus, the FHA/HERO chapter was busy throughout the year planning activities and projects, meeting deadlines and attending meetings. Ranging from a candy cane sale in December to a teen alcohol awareness assembly, the year was filled with memorable and exciting events.

To open up the year properly, the chapter held a kick-off meeting in September. Other highlights included the Halloween Dance, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party, FHA/HERO Week, candy cane sales, Easter candy sales, and state convention.

The chapter also reached out into the community so they would have a better understand of what FHA/HERO is all about. Kathy Howe, fighting cancer for the second time, was given a \$100 donation and a Christmas tree filled with candy and cookies. The shut-ins received home-made cookies through the Spook's Night Out project. Teachers, administrators, and personnel were treated to a teachers' breakfast during FHA/HERO Week.

In February, Shelly Clune and Bryon Kuck were crowned 1986 Sweetheart's Dance king and queen at the American Legion Hall.

FHA/HERO State convention was held April 24-26 in Columbus. The highlight of this event was the first place rating of the Planning Process team. The state theme for the year was entitled "FHA/HERO Provides Tools for Growth."

The FHA/HERO chapter was guided by senior president Ann Homan. Shelly Clune was vice-president; Lori Barber, treasurer; Heather Wietholter, secretary; Nikki Marsh, reporter; and Patty Longworth, historian.

Ann received the member of the year award at the honors banquet held at Brown's Restaurant in May.

By Patty Longworth

Top left, Angel Robinson, Antonietta DePaola and Tracy Hengsteler prove that they love to eat turkey as they enjoy the Thanksgiving banquet. **Top right,** Lori Barber is the newly elected president for Tri-Star District in FHA/HERO. **Right,** Martin Rehmert and Judy Grimes enjoy a sit-down breakfast that was given to all the teachers for the Teachers' Breakfast during FHA/HERO Week.



Above, Row 1: Victoria Jay, Lisa Grimes. **Row 2:** Lisa Wibbeler, Debbie Bambauer. **Row 3:** Kim Hardin, Jenette Schumacher, Jodi Hardin. **Row 4:** Angie Schrolucke, Katie Kuck, Mrs. Titus. **Row 5:** Shannon Egbert. These members sit and listen as president Ann Homan tells what will be happening during the year.





Eighth and ninth grade members — Row 1: Rob Merricle, Gina Lepinski, Stacy Tinnerman, Sheila Thompson. **Row 2:** Shelby Webb, Sandra Method, Shannon Egbert. **Row 3:** Matt Condon, Victoria Jay, Lisa Wibbeler. **Row 4:** Antonietta DePaola, Debbie Bambauer. **Row 5:** Angel Robinson, Beth Lammers. **Row 6:** Lori Barber, Sonya Storer. **Row 7:** Tracy Hengsteler, Nikki Marsh. **Row 8:** Jenny Horstman, Amy hompson. **Row 9:** Kim Hardin.



Tenth — twelfth grade members — Row 1: Ann Homan, Tori Webb, Julie Katterheinrich. **Row 2:** Lisa Grimes, Lisa Scheblo, Cathy Horstman. **Row 3:** Jodi Hardin, Sherry Wright. **Row 4:** Shelly Clune, Patty Longworth, Kim Schrolucke. **Row 5:** Heather Wietholter. **Row 6:** Jenette Schumacher, Sheila Miller, Sarah No-vean. **Row 7:** Tina Condon, Christa Henschen, Kris Niemeyer, Laura Robinson.



Top left, Larry Longworth of the sheriff's department spoke to the high school about teenage drug and alcohol awareness during FHA/HERO Week. **Top middle,** Lori Barber, Jenette Schumacher and Jodi Hardin put the finishing touches on a Christmas tree, filled with homemade candy and ornaments. This tree was given to Kathy Howe as a Christmas present from FHA/HERO. **Top right,** Ann Homan watches Liza Hegemier as her brother Luke and sister Jessica help play with her at Parent-Teacher conferences. During the conferences, FHA/HERO provided babysitting for the parents. **Bottom left,** these items made by FHA/HERO members, received ribbons at the Auglaize County Fair this last summer.



'34 grad relives school days

Having begun school in 1922 as a first grader and writing about our school memories in 1986 — 52 years later after graduation — is quite a span of years.

Remembering those school years, I say "thanks" to our school board who served us well with good classrooms and qualified teachers through those twelve years.

Marian Wellman was our first grade teacher and many of us were very saddened by her death the summer after our first year ended. Caroline Holtkamp taught us the second year.

Third grade seemed a little more complicated after having learned letters and words or objects. Drawing was a new subject as I remember.

Because of construction for our addition of a gymnasium to the school building, we had fourth and fifth grade classrooms above the People's Saving Bank with Selma Grewe as our teacher. She stressed good penmanship.

The new gym and new classrooms above the gym were completed by the following school year, 1925. Our fifth and sixth grade classroom was on the second floor of the school building with Mr. Fred Grewe, rather a strict teacher. About this time the school enrollment increased due to the enlargement of the school district, so in our seventh and eighth grade, taught by Mr. Edwin Mahn, we had more pupils in our classroom. I think all of us remember Mr. Mahn's humor in the classroom.

The 1930's were the "Depression Years;" however, some of us did not realize just how hard times were, but I'm sure our parents were very aware of them. The freshman class (1930) began with 31 members. At graduation time our class membership was 22.

For four years we battled with our studies, easy or difficult to accumulate the required subjects and credits of 16 or more for graduation. The school superintendent was Mr. Rinehard Kuhlman, who also supervised study hall and taught algebra to freshmen and higher math to upperclass students. We considered him very strict but he held discipline in study hall and classroom and well deserved our respect.

Miss Irene Kennedy and Miss Martha Sheaffer (now Mrs. Haberkamp) were newly-hired teachers and well liked by the greater majority of students.

As I remember, Miss Kennedy taught Latin I and II and girls' gym

classes and chaperoned the girls' basketball team, especially for out of town games. Also with Miss Sheaffer's help, she directed all junior and senior plays.

Miss Martha Sheaffer taught English classes and home economics. English was a required subject all four years. I remember studying Macbeth (very hard to grasp it or so I thought) and writing book reports and themes. Correct spelling was required in our themes.

Mr. Howard Brown was senior supervisor and taught history and American government. He also coached both girls' and boys' basketball teams and taught the boys' gym classes.

Mr. Ferd Eversman became music teacher for grades and high school following the resignation of Miriam Arnett, who had taught music while I was in the grades. He supervised our operettas. He directed our chorus presentations and for only a short time had a school orchestra with only a small number of students, of which I was a part.

We need to be proud of our grandparents and more so of great-grandparents who came to America to establish our Christian heritage in the small community of New Knoxville. Considering all the hardships they encountered, we have many things to be thankful for.

By Clara (Moellenkamp) Grider
Class of 1934

Class of 1934

Viola Aufderhaar
Vernon Fledderjohann
John Greisinger
Alfred Henschen
Edith Katterheinrich
Calvin Katterhenry
Agnes Kuck
Byron Kuck
Orloe Kuck
Willis Kuck
Proctor Meckstroth
Harold Meyer
Clara Moellenkamp
Kermit Niemeyer
Paul Niemeyer
Vernon Opperman
Evelyn Rodeheffer
Gertrude Schmidt
Elfrieda Schnelle
Emil Settlage
Lucille Westerbeck
Victor Wierwille

Class of 1935

Frances Bailey
Vernon Bielefeld
Reuben Bierbaum
Zelotes Eschmeyer
Myron Eversman
Carl Ferleman
Viola Fledderjohann
Vivian Fledderjohann
Irene Gruebmeier
Myron Hoelscher
Kermit Hoge
Dorothy Katterheinrich
Earl Prueter
Allen Rodeheffer
Kenneth Rodeheffer
Virginia Schrolucke
Dorothy Timmerman



Class of 1934 at their 50th reunion — **Row 1:** Paul Niemeyer, Gertrude (Schmidt) Davis, Clara (Moellenkamp) Grider, Martha (Sheaffer) Haberkamp — teacher, Lucille (Westerbeck) Plieman, Viola (Aufderhaar) Fledderjohann, Evelyn (Rodeheffer) Snyder. **Row 2:** Kermit Niemeyer, Agnes (Kuck) Vaughan, Victor Wierwille, Orloe Kuck, Vernon Fledderjohann, Harold Meyer.



Honor Society taps six

Four boys and two girls were inducted into the National Honor Society on January 13. Juniors Jeff Henschen, Jerry Lehman, Todd Kuck, Allen Homan and Dionna Hoelscher and sophomore Naomi Poling were chosen as the new members of the NHS.

Selection is based on character, service, leadership and scholastic abilities. To be eligible, seniors must attain a 3.0; juniors, a 3.25 and sophomores, a 3.5.

The ceremony was held January 13 at 7:30 in the auditorium. Current members conducted the induction ceremony. President Julie Schroer headed the ceremony. Sarah Novean, Patty Longworth, Sherry Wright and Ann Homan explained the significance

of the four areas of achievement — character, service, leadership and scholarship. Gregg Kuck explained the importance of the light as a symbol of the National Honor Society.

Once again the National Honor Society held a jewelry sale. The money made from the sale was used for a one-year scholarship given by the group. Dan Schroer, a student at Miami University, was last year's winner.

The National Honor Society was founded in 1964 with Mr. Martin Rehmer as its adviser. Throughout the years it has been advised by the principals, but the society is now advised by Mrs. Diana Farno.

By Sherry Wright



Top, senior member Patty Longworth lights the scholarship candle before she explains the importance of scholarship in the National Honor Society at its formal induction ceremony. **Middle left, Row 1:** Dionna Hoelscher, Naomi Poling, Ann Homan. **Row 2:** Patty Longworth, Sarah Novean, Sherry Wright, Julia Schroer. **Row 3:** Todd Kuck, Allen Homan, Jerry Lehman, Jeff Henschen, Gregg Kuck. **Middle right**, Ann Homan and Gregg Kuck congratulate new members Jerry Lehman and Allen Homan following the ceremony. **Left**, this mascot pin was a popular piece of jewelry sold by the National Honor Society for its money-making project.



Meckstroth recalls one-room school

Grace (Kuck) Meckstroth graduated in 1937 from what is now Hoge Brush. Her first two years she attended a country school located across from Eschmeyer Lumber about two miles south of New Knoxville.

There were 21 students in the eight grades of the one-room school building. Her second grade class consisted of only four people — Ruth Kettler, Paul Stork, Willis Fledderjohann and her. Their teacher was Mrs. Aldama Niemeyer Katterheinrich.

When she was a senior, she was a cheerleader along with Violet Bielefeld Shuster. Violet's mother made the two girls red dresses with red blouses and a big gray bow for their blouses. The

Top, Dave Shiley and Gary Schrolucke put the finishing touches on an activities sign, a Student Council project in 1980. **Bottom**, Donald Heidt, Marilee Settlege, Philip Skapura, Don Reilly, Wanda Bambauer, Nancy Haberkamp, Paul Ott, John Hole and Ruth Warner, members of the Class of '55, are shown at work in the basketball concession stand. Many classes throughout the years used the profits to help finance senior trips to New York.

basketball team that year won only one game under head coach V. E. Katterheinrich. "Basketball is not now what it used to be," said Meckstroth. There were no pep rallies or as much importance placed upon basketball.

The prom her senior year was memorable for Grace, but the memory wasn't a happy one. A couple of cars from New Knoxville were heading for Wapak to the theater. On the way they were in an accident in front of the Moulton church. One classmate was hospitalized with a compound fractured leg.

By Jeff Henschen

Class of 1936

Edna Aufderhaar
Howard Beickman
Eugene Elshowe
Dorothy Eschmeyer
Hosea Henschen
Ruth Henschen
Lowell Horn
Esther Katterheinrich
Rachel Katterheinrich
Lewis Lammers
Leslie Meckstroth
Marian Meckstroth
Marie Meckstroth
Dorothy Opperman
Vernon Seitz
Clara Westerbeck
Nathan Wierwille

Class of 1937

Violet Bielefeld
Lester Elshoff
Agnes Eversman
Ruby Feil
Willis Fledderjohann
Donald Henkener
Ruth Henkener
Reuben Henschen
Elody Hoelscher
Dorsey Holtkamp
Agnes Katterheinrich
Adella Kuck
Evelyn Kuck
Grace Kuck
Vernon Kuck
Robert Kuhlman
Omer Lammers
Ruth Miller
O.B. Moor Jr.
Carl Rodeheffer
Forrest Stolte
Donald Schellenberger
Dorothy Schmidt
Paul Stork
Roland Stroh
LaRue Timmerman
Olga Vohs
Walter Wibbeler
Naomi Wilkens

Student Council bustles with activities

In 1964, New Knoxville High School organized its first Student Council group. This group consisted of two representatives from each class except the seniors and junior high classes. The seniors were allowed three representatives because the president was chosen from the senior class. The junior high classes were allowed one representative per class. These representatives were elected along with class officers.

This process became a tradition. The same number of students are

elected in the same way to become representatives.

The Student Council's first adviser was present superintendent Martin Rehmert. Now Mr. Charles Rowen advises the group.

Affairs that the Student Council undertakes are all Parents' Night activities, Christmas tree decorating and the Homecoming dances. Their job also includes listening to student complaints and taking action when necessary and facilitating class elections.

By Dionna Hoelscher



Top left, Student Council members: Samantha Merges, Cathy Horstman, Sarah Novean, Jill Lefel, Doug Merges, Dionna Hoelscher, Laurie Merges, Laurie Wierwille, Eric Gabel, Shannon Egbert. **Top right**, Marvin and Carolyn Homan accompany varsity player, Allen, during the Parents' Night festivities, sponsored by the Student Council on Feb. 16. **Left**, Student Council adviser, Chuck Rowen, checks in with Carrie Kuck and Jodi Wyatt, two junior high students. The girls helped junior high Student Council reps hand out leis at the Homecoming dance. **Right**, Doug Merges, Student Council president, helps bring in a Christmas tree, which members of the organization decorated.



Students help in many ways

This year many students gave their time to be aides throughout the school year.

High school student aides did many things, such as helping teachers with their classes, running off papers for them, and even helping grade papers. Aides were also needed in the office and libraries to do the little things to keep everything working smoothly.

Several eighth graders put up the flag every morning and took it down every afternoon as well as during inclement weather.

Two seventh graders were in charge of putting special events on the sign in front of the school. They worked on this at least once a week.

While on safety patrol, the sixth graders were in charge of seeing that the younger students crossed the road carefully at the beginning and at the end of every school day as well as at noon for the kindergartners.

By Lisa Grimes



Top, flag patrol — Row 1: Ralph Wierwille, Brent Lauth, Matt Condon, Greg Metzger, Terry Clune, Kyle Schroer. **Row 2:** Sheila Thompson, Shannon Egbert, Scott Welch, Chad Thobe. **Row 3:** Angie Schrolucke, Gina Lepinski, Beth Heidt, Sandra Method. **Middle, student aides — Row 1:** Sherry Wright, Sara Kuck, Lori Barber, Jenni Eldridge. **Row 2:** Angie Arnett, Dionna Hoelscher, Julie Katterheinrich, Sarah Novean, Amy Thompson, Donna Kuck. **Row 3:** Doug Merges, Keith Leffel, Cathy Horstman, Julie Schroer, Laurie Merges, Duane Stienecker. **Right, student aides — Row 1:** Bart Howe, Lisa Grimes, Jenette Schumacher, Gloria Smith, Sonya Storer, Nikki Marsh, Kelly Howe. **Row 2:** Luanne Fannon, Kim Schrolucke, Sheila Miller. **Bottom,** seventh graders, Matt Schrolucke and Chad Elshoff, pose for the camera after changing the calendar of events on the sign in front of school.





The junior and senior members of the German Club — Row 1: Sherry Wright, Sarah Novean, Laurie Wierwille. **Row 2:** Gregg Kuck, Julie Katterheirich, Ann Homan, Dionna Hoelscher. **Row 3:** Todd Kuck, Rick Neuman, Cathy Horstman, Lisa Grimes. **Row 4:** Jeff Henschen, Angie Arnett. **Row 5:** Tim Jarrells, Jerry Lehman. **Row 6:** Ryan Egbert, Matt Schneider, Jon Wilkins, Scott Hoelscher.



The freshman and sophomore members of German Club — Row 1: Naomi Poling, Chad Wyatt, Lori Barber. **Row 2:** Kipp Katterheirich, Beth Lammers, Christa Henschen. **Row 3:** Angel Robinson, Lisa Wibbeler. **Row 4:** Matt Gilfillen, Heather Wietholter. **Row 5:** Jodi Stroth, Jenny Horstman. **Row 6:** Jay Kern, Antonietta DePaola. **Row 7:** Joe DePaola.

German club remains active

Mrs. Cheryl Davis, new adviser of the German Club, quickly learned how busy and active the club is, not to mention how large. About 40 students plagued the room at the first meeting, but Laurie Wierwille, club president; Dionna Hoelscher, vice-president; Todd Kuck, treasurer and Shelly Clune, secretary helped out with their experience.

One of the first things on the agenda was the activities for December. Kris Kringle Week began on the second and continued through the sixth. The Kris Kringle Christmas Party was held Dec. 7 at a club member's house. On Dec. 17 and 18, Christmas cookies were sold.

In April, the club took its annual trip, this year to Tuscarawas County. They visited Zoar Village, the Alpine Alpa, Warther's Museum, Sugarcreek, the J.E. Reeves home and Dutch Valley. This overnight trip was held April 5 and 6.

German Day was also held in April. The day included a costume contest with Jenny Lehman, Pamela Vordermark, Susie Henschen, Naomi Poling, Dionna Hoelscher and Ann Homan named winners. A slide show was presented by New Knoxville native Kurt Kuck who lived in Ladbergen, Germany, for three years. German students decorated the upper hall and south stairway with family trees, the Ladbergen crest and posters with information on Germany.

Dionna Hoelscher



Left, Kurt Kuck, a 1969 grad, reminisces about his years in Germany after he showed slides of Ladbergen during a German Day assembly. **Center,** exchange student, Minna Vanhala, and Dionna Hoelscher, students in German III and IV, read a German skit for the English 11 class on German Day. **Right,** these three lovely young girls dressed up on German Day as girls dress in Germany. Pam Vordermark, Jenny Lehman and Susie Henschen garnered the first places in their respective grades. Susie and Dionna Hoelscher were named the top winners.

Class of 1938

Eugene Bielefeld
Alice Elshoff
Ruth Hegemier
Winona Hemmert
Esther Henschen
Willis Henschen
Martha Lammers
Ruth Lutterbeck
Ruth Niemeyer
Frederick Opperman
Robert Opperman
Willis Opperman
Esther Prueter
Leona Rodeheffer
Rachel Rodeheffer
Esther Shupp
Bernice Stienecker
Magdalena Warner
Donald Wellman

Class of 1939

Duane Binkley
Marjorie Fark
Elmeda Fledderjohann
Victor Fledderjohann
Virgil Gruebmeier
Kermit Heidt
Margaret Henkener
Byrdell Henschen
Casper Hoelscher
Mildred Huelsmeyer
Delores Katterheinrich
Eileen Katterheinrich
Howard P. Katterheinrich
Homer Kuck
Robert Kuck Sr.
Lillian Nuesmeyer
Naomi Prueter
LaVerne Rodeheffer
Louise Ruese
Wilma Schmidt
Dorothy Schroer
Ruth Shoup
Lewis Sloan
Gladys Stroh

Marty recalls wartime schooldays

Carol (Bode) Marty recalled her high school days from 1941 to 1945. When she was in high school band under the direction of Joe DuPere, she remembered the accident she encountered at the Auglaize County Fair. The band had just received their new band uniforms, and Marty ripped her uniform trousers on a fence at the fair. "I paid ... or Dad paid ... for the repairs," she noted.

She also remembered singing "Remember Pearl Harbor" with the band at an outdoor concert in town.

Marty was still in school during the war. She remembered the ration stamps, war news, boys enlisting and scrap drives. "I remember getting out of school to have those, and there

were no yearbooks for a couple of years because of the war." There also were clothing drives for the war refugees.

The Memoir that was put out in 1945 is one of Marty's remembrances of school. "I will never forget working on the yearbook staff. The artwork and script on the title pages were my work."

The Junior-Senior Prom in 1944 was titled "Anchors Aweigh." "We jitterbugged, or at least I tried to."

Several of Marty's favorite teachers from high school were Martha Haberkamp, Verlin and Viola Katterheinrich, Ferd Eversman, Zella at the piano, and Louella Eversman in Latin.



Top right, in the early 1930's the operetta, "The Windmills of Holland," was performed. This yearbook picture was taken in front of the old Hoge Brush School. **Bottom right**, in the 1920's, the orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Gephart. **Row 1:** Lenora Hoelscher, Florenz Warner, Viola Mahn, Mildred Kuhlman, Reuben Steinecker, Mary Henkener, Dallas Lutterbeck, Paul Meckstroth, Paul Rodeheffer. **Row 2:** Athniel Henkener, Ruth Holl, Adelma Henschen, Norma Eversman, Evangeline Sunderman, Lawrence Holtkamp, Mr. Gephart, instructor, Olga Schroer, Ella Hoge, Florenz Katterhenry, Lawrence Meckstroth, Paul Lammers.



Grimes recalls musical days in '63

There were a lot of good ole days in chorus and band!" exclaimed Judy (Schrolucke) Grimes, a 1963 New Knoxville graduate, as she remembered the days in those classes.

There were two different types of chorus: one was general chorus, and the other was special chorus. In general chorus everyone could participate because there were no conflicts in the schedule. "There were approximately 90 people in general chorus. Only about three or four people didn't participate. About 40-45 people were selected for special chorus." The chorus, both general and special, gave a spring chorus concert every year which consisted of each group singing seven songs. Until 1961, the chorus had Edith Wissman as a part time chorus director.

"I also have many fond memories of band and the concerts and parades that we went to," claimed Judy. The band consisted of about 50 members made up from grades seven through 12. The band director until 1961 was Carl Frische. During the 1961-62 school year they had Richard Runkle as director for both chorus and band, and in 1962-63 Richard Ruhlen took over.

"Around Halloween we usually went to Wapak to play in the Halloween pa-

rade, and the weekend after Thanksgiving we would play in the Christmas parade which was held in St. Marys," said Judy.

The Christmas concert was an important event in the community. It was held on a Sunday night, and people always packed the gym. The chorus filled the stage and the band sat on the floor.

During the 1960-61 school year, the Auglaize County Music Festival began. There were several band and chorus members selected to participate in this festival. For the district and state level only a few members were chosen. "It was truly an honor to perform with such a select group of musicians," said Judy.

In the spring the band presented a concert to the community at which time the band awards were presented.

Another fun time Judy remembered was the County Fair in Wapak, where "we would march and play up and down the main strip. The one fun thing that we usually did was the whole band, except for the drummers who stood on the ground, got on the ferris wheel and the merry-go-round and played several songs while we were riding the rides. That was fun," laughed Judy.

By Lisa Grimes

Class of 1940

Helen DuBois
Paul Eschmeyer
LaRue Eversman
Viola Harmeyer
Roger Henkener
Howard Henschen
Lillian Henschen
Margaret Henschen
Lucille Hoelscher
Rachel Katterheinrich
Deloris Kipp
Melba Kuhlman
Bernard McCullough Jr.
Norman Meckstroth
Victor Meyer
Willis Miller
Marian Nolte
Bernard Ott
Paul Prueter
John Rodeheffer
Mildred Schroer
Donald Schrolucke
Norman Schrolucke
Verneda Schwabero
Adrian Settlege
Ben Settlege
Richard Settlege



Above, in 1961, the high school band was 11 members larger than the band is now. The band was under the direction of Mr. Carl Frische. **Row 1:** Mary Vordermark, Judy Schrolucke, Diane Lammers, Shirley Schafer, John Frische, Patty Rodeheffer, Jane Kuck, Ann Henschen. **Row 2:** Louise Henschen, Cheryl Eversman, Joyce Stork, Roberta Stout, Barbara Bambauer, Jane Schwabero, Rebecca Meckstroth, Linda Grimes, John Longworth, Kay Elshoff, Ted Katterheinrich, Karen Rain. **Row 3:** Larry LaWarre, Suzanne Bambauer, Lynn Stork, Janean Meckstroth, Danny Meckstroth, Jean Ann Roode, Jerry Kuck, Bob Wierwille, Roger LaWarre, Ruth Henschen, Kim Katterheinrich, Connie Schroer, Mr. Carl Frische, Director, Roger Katterheinrich, Bill Stroh, Jim Jauert, Mack Elshoff, Jim Elshoff, Wayne Kettler. **Above right**, Mr. Carl Frische, from 1951 to 1961, was the high school band director.

Thornsberry directs third successful year

Mary Thornsberry has successfully completed directing her third year of the fifth through seventh grade bands, high school chorus and the high school band.

The fifth, sixth and seventh grade bands each played several selections, which they had worked towards during the year, at the Music Awards Banquet on May 13.

In addition to its Christmas and spring concerts, the chorus took a trip to nursing homes and performed some of the many songs which they worked on during the year.

The marching band performed in the Auglaize County Fair Band Show and marched in the Oktoberfest, Bremenfest, Fall Festival and Halloween parades. The band also performed in the fall, winter and spring concerts which were put on for the community.

In addition to the four seniors in band, the senior chorus members were Jill Schroeder, Julia Schroer, Gloria Smith, Rebeca Enriquez and Sara Kuck.

By Lisa Grimes



Top right, seventh grade band — **Row 1:** Chad Elshoff, Amy Leffel, Kort Fledderjohann, Samantha Stepleton, Richard Maurer, Michelle Sias, Darlene Rupert. **Row 2:** Candida DePaola, Mrs. Thornsberry, director. **Middle left,** sixth grade band — **Row 1:** Cindy Clune, Greg Wietholter, Emily Egbert, Becky Wessel, Michelle Vicroy, Betsy Hoelscher, Sherry Sias. **Row 2:** Ben Schrolucke, Jason Metzger, Mrs. Thornsberry, director. **Middle right,** high school band — **Row 1:** Gregg Kuck, John Reineke, Greg Metzger, Mike Novean. **Row 2:** Jenny Wessel, Brent Lauth, Christa Henschen, Tim Jarrells, Chad Wyatt. **Row 3:** Deana Bower, Rob Merricle, Todd Kuck, Matt Lammers, Ann Homan. **Row 4:** Lisa Grimes, Debby Bambauer, Katie Kuck, Sarah Novean, Beth Lammers. **Row 5:** Jenette Schumacher, Heather Wietholter, Shelby Webb, Sheila Thompson, Jenni Eldridge. **Row 6:** Sandra Method, Kris Niemeyer, Shelly Clune, Beth Heidt. **Right,** fifth grade band — **Row 1:** Heather Howe, Chris Schrolucke, Cathy DePaola, Sheila Speckman. **Row 2:** Tanya Grimes, Gwen Homan, Betsy Kruse, Shannen Braden, Bregette Hill, James Burton. **Row 3:** Joe Bower, Evan Eschmeyer, Rachel Bishop, Rodney Kuck. **Row 4:** Jack Leffel, David Tinnerman, Dan Gilfillen. **Row 5:** Mrs. Thornsberry, director, Woody Piehl, Josh Egbert, Ron Reineke, Jason Katterheinrich.





Upper left, flutist Shelly Clune was one of four seniors who played in their last concert on April 12. **Above**, senior John Reineke shows his talent by playing the bongo drums at the Open House Spring Concert. **Middle left**, Sarah Novean, who plays the clarinet, joins fellow senior Ann Homan on the alto sax at the Open House Concert. **Lower left**, high school chorus — **Row 1**: Mrs. Thornsberry, director, Linda Grant, Gloria Smith, Becky Franks, Rebeca Enriquez, Sara Kuck, Sheila Miller and Jill Schroeder. **Row 2**: Kim Hardin, Jodi Hardin, Julia Schroer, Debby Bambauer, Denys Shupp, Angie Prichard and Johanna Wahl. **Below**, Jill Schroeder sings a solo, "The Wind Beneath My Wings," at the Spring Concert.



Class of 1941

Margaret Beickman
Erwin Bierbaum
Keith Binkley
Carol DuBois
Eldred Eschmeyer
Ralph Feil
Ned Fledderjohann
Dale Grimes
Evelyn Harmeyer
Grace Heidt
Eileen Henkener
Marian Henschen
Marie Henschen
Velma Holtkamp
Fred Katterheinrich
Marian Kuck
Wallace Kuck
Wilhelmina Kuck
Margaret Meckstroth
Roland Meckstroth
Evelyn Meyer
Reuben Niemeyer
Dorothy Schrolucke
Glen Schrolucke
Eldred Wellman
Howard Wellman
Majorie Wellman

Class of 1942

Dorothy Eschmeyer
Edward Fledderjohann
Ralph Fledderjohann
Adrian Haberkamp
Paul Henschen
Robert Holtkamp
Emerson Howe
Curtis Kruse
Charlyne Kuck
John Kuck
Eunice Lutterbeck
Phyllis McLain
Louis Meckstroth
Mary Prueter
Norbert Rupert
Kermit Schnelle
Virginia Schroer
William Schroer
Linus Wierwille

The Pep Club has changed through the years since its beginning in 1967 (pictured at right). It folded in 1976, but revived three years later.

During the late '60's the Pep Club played a big part in promoting school spirit. Members sponsored Color Day, Clash day and helped out with pep rallies. A Spirit Stick was awarded to the class exhibiting the most spirit at pep rallies.

Howe recalls the old days

"She had really long fingernails and used to pinch our earlobes," recalled Dick Howe, a 1968 graduate, who goes on to remember how his first grade teacher, Mrs. Holtkamp, punished children by pinching earlobes. "It really hurt," chuckled Howe.

Howe enjoyed participating in chorus and band. Chorus then was held where the present elementary art room is. "The whole back row was full of boys," stated Howe. Band is where he met his present wife, Micheale Preston Howe. "We both played trumpet and used to sit beside each other," recalled Howe.

Howe was a four-year member of the basketball team. The team was then coached by Mr. Gene Fries. His senior year, Howe and the other members of the team won sectionals at Celina by beating St. Henry. "They were third-ranked in the state and very good," remembers Howe. The team lost in districts to Kalida but ended up with a very respectable 15-7 record. Howe played forward with Tom Leffel while Dwain Meckstroth and Gary Schrolucke played guards and Bruce Hoge was the center.

The senior and junior plays were another activity Howe enjoyed. His senior class play was a play that involved wheelchairs. The day before the play Howe and Gary Schrolucke took the

wheelchairs and did wheelies down the halls. "The superintendent caught us and was going to give us detentions, but the play was the next night so he let us off," said Howe with a laugh.

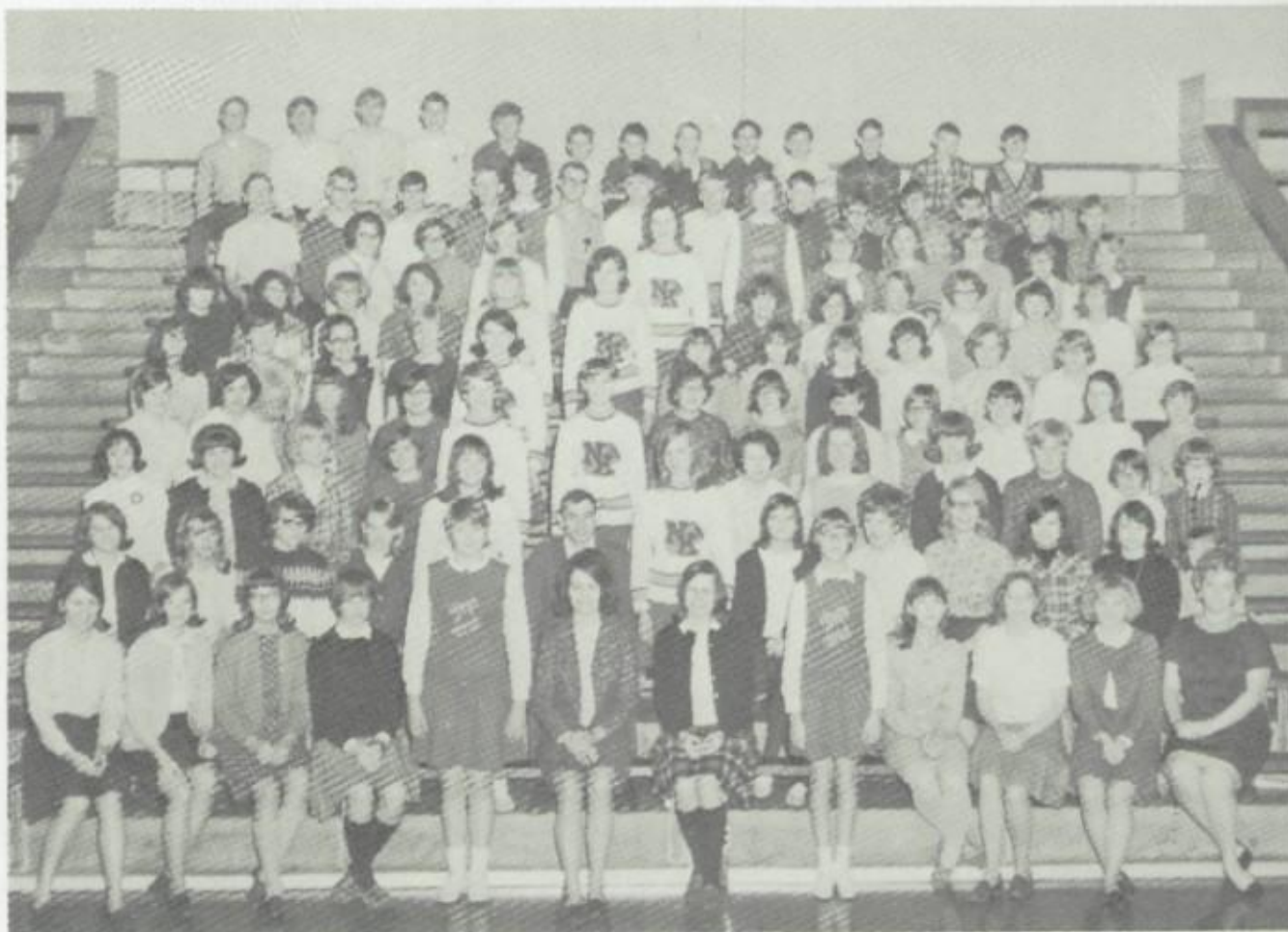
Prom then was much like it is today. The dance was held in the old gym and was elaborately decorated by the juniors. Howe remembers when he was a sophomore and he and another guy snuck into the gym around Prom time and unrolled all the crepe paper. "No one ever found out who did it, but I guess they know now," chuckled Howe.

One time Howe's biology class was required to turn in leaf collections. Gary Schrolucke turned his in and got a C. Later Gary sold the collection. Only that guy got a B on the same collection," laughed Howe.

Howe and his senior class were among the many alumni who took the annual senior class trip to New York City. "We took a train and rode all night long," said Howe. The class saw a stage play, **The Odd Couple**.

Howe and his wife Micheale reside at 200 South East Street, New Knoxville, with their two daughters Heather, 11, and Kathy, 8. Howe is presently employed by Crown Controls Corporation in New Bremen.

By Tina Condon



Pep Club is spirited

A lot goes on behind the scenes in preparing for the big game by promoting spirit throughout the school. This is where the Pep Club plays an important role.

This club is made up of willing students, along with cheerleaders, who work to promote the Ranger Spirit. The Pep Club helps plan pep rallies, sponsors and plans Spirit Week and tries to motivate the students. This year Spirit Week consisted of Hat Day, Red and Gray Day, Beat St. Henry Day and a contest in which each class decorated a section of the gym.

All of the run-throughs present at the home games, along with the signs, were all part of the work the Pep Club was involved with all year.

By Julie Katterheinrich



Left, showing spirit by dressing up on Red and Gray Day, Jerry Lehman, Brian Lammers, Dionna Hoelscher, Sarah Novean, Sherry Wright, Mark Lageman and Patty Longworth attempt to "Kill the Card" before the tournament game against New Bremen, which N.K. won. **Right**, the Mad Hatter strikes N.K. Third grader Nick Piehl shows his unique hat while participating in Hat Day during Spirit Week, sponsored by the Pep Club.



High school Pep Club members — Row 1:

Eric Gabel, Tom Lepinski, Rick Neuman, Scott McCabe, David Cleland, John Reineke, Matt Gabel, Angel Robinson, Amy Thompson, Becky Franks, Jodi Stroh. **Row 2:** Matt Gilfillen, Jeff Lehman, Daniel Allen, Denys Shupp, Beth Lammers, Michele Clune, Sherry Wright, Sarah Novean, Patty Longworth, Ann Homan, Lori Barber, Dionna Hoelscher, Laurie Wierwille. **Row 3:** Christa Henschen, Jill Schroeder, Laurie Merges, Lisa Scheblo, Angie Arnett, Julia Schroer, Cathy Horstman, Naomi Poling, Tori Webb, Debbie Bambauer, Nikki Marsh, Lisa Grimes, Kelly Howe. **Row 4:** Jenny Horstman, Kris Niemeyer, Jenni Eldridge, Wendy Cummins, Kim Schrolucke, Julie Katterheinrich, Laura Robinson, Jill Leffel, Sara Kuck, Luanne Fannon, Victoria Jay, Tracy Hengsteler, Antonietta DePaola.



Junior high Pep Club members — Row 1:

Kyle Schroer, Matt Lammers, Jason Brisco, Dan Bader. **Row 2:** Deana Bower, Richard Maurer, Dodi Hicks, Jenny Schafer, Samantha Stepleton, Stacy Tinnerman, Gina Lepinski, Jenny Wessel. **Row 3:** Sandra Method, Beth Heidt, Eric Stroh, Jeff Speckman, Kort Fledderjohann, Samantha Merges, Carrie Kuck, Amy Leffel, Lori Piehl, Jodi Wyatt, Candida DePaola. **Row 4:** Sheila Thompson, Shannon Egbert, Angie Schrolucke, Katie Kuck, Fred Homan, Matt Condon, Terry Clune, Brent Lauth, Chad Thobe, Rob Merricle.

Class of 1943

Wavalene Bradford
Alberta Eschmeyer
Virginia Gruebmeier
Marjorie Henkener
Grace Henschen
Ralph Hoelscher
Myron Katterheinrich
Adrian Kipp
James Koenig
Louise Kruse
Eunice Lageman
Richard Lammers
Helen Nesbitt
Don Niemeyer
Robert Schrolucke
Andrew Settlege
Virginia Sparks
Wanda Wellman
Thomas Wierwille
Ruth Zwiebel

Class of 1944

James Eversman
Vernon Feldwisch
Eldon Haberkamp
Robert Harmeyer
Kenneth Henschen
Lester Henschen
William Hoge
Calvin Holtkamp
Allen Katterheinrich
Lloyd Katterheinrich
Lois Kruse
Henry Lageman
Martha Maneke
William Meckstroth
Jeanne Miller
Betty Newhouse
Lucille Ruese
Edith Schroer
Richard Schwabero
Roger Schwabero
Paul Wellman
Lois Zwiebel

Kuck initiates first Memoir

1939 was a year of firsts. The senior class that year was the first to graduate from the current school. The school mascot, the Ranger, was also adopted that year.

1939 was also the year that New Knoxville published its first yearbook. One person influential in initiating that project was Robert Kuck Sr.

Kuck was a member of the Commercial Club which set up the school newspaper. The paper, which was established one year earlier, was called the Windjammer.

"I was going to Culver Military Academy for several years. When I came back to New Knoxville, we didn't have a yearbook or school newspaper," said Kuck, who returned for his junior year.

Kuck became editor of the first **Memoir**. At the time the students working on the yearbook went to Buckland in order to learn how to make a yearbook. Buckland had a yearbook called the White Feather, which the local students used as a prototype.

The school's publications have changed greatly since those years. The budget for the first **Memoir** was about \$300. The completed book, which sold for about one dollar, according to Kuck, had 60 pages, 17 of which were ads.

Among the advertisers who appeared in the first **Memoir** and also appear in the 1986 Sesquicentennial edition are Koch's Hotel and Rathskeller (now Koch's Restaurant), Hudson Jewelers, St. Marys Hardware, Lois Miller Beauty Shoppe (now Lois's

Beauty Shop), Lawler's Greenhouses, all in St. Marys; Gilberg & Hegemier Funeral Home (now Gilberg Funeral Home), Schwieterman's Drug Store, Wint's Restaurant, Vornholt Funeral Home, The White Mountain Creamery Co. (now Beatrice Foods), all in New Bremen; The Fisher Dairy and Cheese Co. (now Fisher Cheese) of Wapakoneta; Meckstroth Motor Sales (now Lageman Garage), Double A Restaurant (now Adolph's), New Knoxville Supply Company, The Peoples Savings Bank, Brookside Farms (now Brookside Research Laboratories), Henkener's Service Station (now Brown's Service Center), all in New Knoxville; Kettlersville and Botkins Company (now Provico) and the Leader Printing Company of St. Marys, the publisher of the first yearbook.

While the first yearbook included only the high school, recent yearbooks include kindergarten through seniors, are twice as big and cost nearly 15 times as much. Today's reader will also pay 15 times as much for his **Memoir**.

A yearbook has been published every year since 1939 except in 1943 when publication ceased because of the war.

The newspaper has continued publication over the years, but not under the same name or in the same form. Some of the names have included **Ranger Round-up, Ranger Wrap-up, Ranger Rap-up, The Lone Ranger, Ranger Review, Sregnar, Ivy Log** and even **Jr. Quix of '56**. For the past five years it has been published under the name of **Scarlet Tribune**.

1939 Memoir staff Row 1:

Eileen Katterheinrich, Wilma Schmidt, Howard Katterheinrich, Elmeda Fledderjohann, Dorothy Schroer. **Row 2:** Mildred Huelsmeyer, Byrdell Henschen, Robert Kuck, Victor Fledderjohann, Lewis Glenn Sloan, Louise Ruese, Margaret Henkener.



Publications—hard work and good times

The pressures of publications class are not for everyone, but only for a few who have the tenacity to stick it out. There are articles to be written, pages to be designed and deadlines to be met. Publications is not just an in-school class. Much time is also spent at home and after school working on the assignments and preparing the book or newspaper.

This year's **Memoir** required more time and money since it was a special Sesquicentennial edition. If it were not for Mrs. Oberlander's burning the midnight oil and coming to school with dark circles under her eyes, this book would not be completed.

Busily sliding croppers, pasting articles together with glue, typing incessantly and rushing to meet the ever-present deadlines were just a few chores of the staff.

The publications staff enjoyed many good times along with bad times during the year. We celebrated a deadline by having a pizza party sponsored by our Jostens' representative, Al Witmer. The staff also enjoyed interviewing many alumni for their spots in the yearbook. Of course, no one always had time to do the interviews and someone

was always complaining. The really bad time came when the staff was facing a 50-page deadline in the middle of basketball season and the majority of the class were athletes. (Another problem was never knowing from day to day who the Jostens' rep was.)

The Sesquicentennial has offered a new challenge to the publications staff

this year. Not only did we have to cover the current events, but we also had to search through old yearbooks and find highlights of the past.

The staff has shown admirable courage in joining this class. It has been a fun and enjoyable year putting out the biggest book in N.K. history.

By Patty Longworth and Sherry Wright



Top — Publications class — **Row 1:** Cathy Horstman, student aide, Julie Katterheinrich, Patty Longworth, Sherry Wright, Dionna Hoelscher, Tina Condon, Lisa Grimes. **Row 2:** Minna Vanhala, Jeff Henschen, Rick Neuman, Jerry Lehman, Gregg Kuck, Todd Kuck. Not pictured — Rebeca Enriquez. **Left,** Rick Neuman reads a fresh issue of the Scarlet Tribune during activity-reading period. The newspaper, which featured a new format this year, was usually distributed once a month on Thursdays. **Bottom,** the two yearbook editors, Sherry Wright and Patty Longworth, are busy during class making important decisions related to the yearbook.

Meyer recalls trip to office from dad's classroom

"My dad, who I had to call Mr. Stien-ecker, was the only teacher to send me to the office," stated Shirley Stien-ecker Meyer of her father Clem Stein-ecker. "I got caught passing around answers to a quiz while he was out of the room. When he came back, he sent me and my brother to the office while the rest of the class got sent out into the hall," explained Meyer. "I had great respect for my father as a teacher; he never showed any favoritism and he was always treating us fair," added the 1951 graduate.

Shirley attended elementary, junior high and high school in New Knoxville. Her senior class was composed of eighteen students.

Shirley was active while in high school. She was a member of the FHA for one year, band for eleven years, and chorus for four years. While in the band she was not only the mascot and head majorette, but also played the saxophone. During her "study halls" she helped in the office, cafeteria and library.

Meyer was actively involved in the

Junior Class play, **We Shook the Family Tree**, which according to her, was a great success. Two other important activities of her junior year were the ordering of class rings and decorating for the junior-senior reception. The theme for the reception was "Moonlight and Roses." The sophomores served a dinner which was prepared by the junior mothers and held in the school.

According to Meyer, her senior year was one which she enjoyed very much. She played tennis on dirt courts, which were where the north parking lot is now located. She noted that she and her friend, Grace Young, had a lot of fun times. The senior trip to Cincinnati was an important event. The class took a ferry boat ride and spent a couple of days in the city. Shirley was also editor of the yearbook her senior year.

All the things we hear about the '50's — bobbie socks, rolled up jeans and saddle shoes — are true, according to Meyer. The fashions of the '50's are similar to those of today except they were not so "flashy." Girls in

those days were not allowed to wear slacks or blue jeans to school. They wore only dresses and skirts and blouses.

Girls and boys had separate gym classes. The girls played ping-pong in a classroom on the first floor or shuffle board in the basement hallway. Girls didn't participate in sports in those days. Meyer tried out for cheerleading one year and it ended in a tie. The teachers were asked to break the tie, and since Shirley's father was a teacher, he didn't vote, so she didn't make the squad. She kept busy helping with the concessions at the basketball games.

When Shirley graduated, baccalaureate and commencement were held on different days. After graduation she attended business school in Columbus for six weeks and then left to get married. She has four children and seven grandchildren. Presently she is living in New Knoxville.

By Julie Katterheinrich

In the 1950's and '60's girls did not participate in inter-scholastic sports. For this reason the G.A.A., Girls' Athletic Association, was formed. At times they would have inter-squad competitions. This picture was taken in 1965.



The Photography Club and its accouterments are pictured in 1965.

Row 1: Steve Opperman, Dean Grimes, Dale Shellenberger, Dan Metzger, Roger Hoelscher. **Row 2:** John Opperman, David Shriver, Rodney Kruse. **Row 3:** Neil Katterheinrich, Lee Fledderjohann, Wayne Kettler, Bill Meyer, Mr. Oelfke, adviser.



Class of 1945

Carol Bode
Ruth Clausing
Helen Fledderjohann
Letha Fledderjohann
Marilyn Feldwisch
Allen Henschen
Homer Henschen
Robert Hoge
Norma Kuck
Grace Lageman
Robert Meckstroth
Evelyn Miller
Dorothy Niemeyer
Rosemary Ott

Class of 1946

Louis Bowersock
Reuben Deerbake
Eldred Elshoff
Aurelia Ann Fark
William Holtkamp
Eugene Howe
Irene Hulsmeyer
Wilma Koenig
June Kuck
Myron Schnelle
Lela Schrolucke

CHARLIE BARNET
LARRY CLINTON
TOMMY DORSEY
BENNY GOODMAN
GLENN MILLI
ARTIE SHAW

STUDENT LIFE



A festival of excitement happens every fall

Some fifteen years ago a tradition was started in New Knoxville. It was a festival held in the fall of the year, giving people the chance to get together and enjoy themselves.

Many changes have taken place since the first Fall Festival was held. One change is the queen contest. Many years ago the townspeople voted for the queen by placing pennies in a box for the girl they chose. A box was placed in the business establishments throughout the community. The girl receiving the most pennies became the winner. The first queen, crowned in 1970, was Barb Eschmeyer.

Today, however, a regular contest is held. Each girl is judged on poise, attractiveness in a street dress and evening gown, talent and the ability to answer both a serious and light question. Judges come from the surrounding area.

Attractions at the early festival included Allen Katterheinrich's showing of "Laurel and Hardy" movies against the Legion wall and turtle races.

For several years the high school

classes have arranged games to raise money for their class trip. The cake wheel, quilt show and country store with all types of homemade goodies have been on display for quite some time and always seem to be a big hit.

Recently Roland Poppe rebuilt a swing that had been originally used years ago at the local festivals. Now the man-propelled swing is once again a big hit.

At the Fall Festival, anything can be enjoyed from playing a volleyball game to riding rides or getting sticky with cotton candy to dancing to the latest top 40 hits at the teen dance. And then again, nothing can top off a good conversation with a friend.

Though the years have passed, the joy and excitement that come at this festive time of the year in New Knoxville never ceases. The Fall Festival is always a very special event.

By Julie Katterheinrich

Class of 1947

Richard Cook
Richard Dubois
Evangeline Holtkamp
Edna Kuck
Joann Lammers
Lois Meckstroth
Lee Kattman
Kenneth McCune
James Lageman
Ralph Perkins
Dorothy Poppe
Irma Prueter
Marian Rain
Dorothy Schroeder
Irene Schroer
Roger Settlage
Don Stienecker
Kathryn Thees

Class of 1948

Marvin Schrolucke
Twylah Eschmeyer
Beverly Endres
Arlene Phillips
Betty Lutterbeck
Ruth Schroer
James Wierwille
William Arnett
Paul Telljohann
Paul Kuck
Melvin Heidt



Above left, sign her up! In 1976 Mrs. Annett Kuck tries diligently to knock husband Lloyd Kuck into the senior dunking machine. **Above right**, in 1970 the first Fall Festival queen Barb Eschmeyer was crowned. She was a 1973 graduate of New Knoxville. **Right**, 1976 graduate Doug Kuck is knocked helplessly into the senior dunking machine, always a popular attraction at the Fall Festival.



Top left, Dave Herzberg, a Los Angeles native, and New Knoxville native, Randy Haberkamp, record the sights and sounds of the Fall Festival for the film, "Our Town American," which was made to be shown at the Sesquicentennial celebration in August. **Top right,** shouts and cheers from junior high cheerleaders, Carrie Kuck and Gina Lepinski, could be heard along the parade route. **Middle left,** Michele Hoelscher, an unidentified girl and Mandy Deerhake participate in the children's tug-of-war contest, a new activity at the 1985 Fall Festival. **Middle right,** Cathy Horstman was chosen as the sixteenth Fall Festival queen, shown here being crowned by the 1984 queen, Jill Schroeder. **Bottom left,** Greg Metzger (2006), Doug Merges and Matt Gabel await the start of the 10K run, an annual event that draws people of all ages from the surrounding area.



Fall Festival brings excitement

People laughing, the smell of cotton candy and candy apples filling the air and a feeling of good cheer — all are a part of the annual Fall Festival.

Many activities take place over this Labor Day weekend. One can participate in any of the various activities. The festival offers anything from volleyball to a quilt show or from dancing to simple conversation.

One of the main attractions at this annual event is the crowning of the Fall Festival queen, who this year was junior Cathy Horstman, with first run-

ner-up going to Dionna Hoelscher.

The Poppe Swing is also a crowd pleaser. It has only been a part of the festival for a few years, but the man-propelled swing is no doubt a favorite of both the young and young at heart.

The annual Fall Festival Parade is also a part of the weekend long festivities. This gives community people, along with people from the surrounding areas, a chance to show their stuff in front of the many people that gather along Main Street to watch and enjoy.

By Julie Katterheinrich

Dances popular with '65 grad

"We loved to dance!" exclaimed '65 grad Janean Meckstroth Oberlander. The Youth Center, which was located where the Party Shop parking lot now stands, was a site for teenagers to stroll, hop, twist, and especially slow dance to such artists as Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Connie Francis and Rick Nelson. "One song that brings back memories of the Youth Center is 'All in the Game' by Tommy Edwards," said Oberlander.

The Youth Center was run by Owen Hoover, who was a business teacher at school. When he left, there was nowhere for the students to go after games, so the American Legion opened up their facilities. This was in about 1963. "The Beach Boys and other California groups were popular then," said Oberlander, "and the Beatles were beginning the English invasion."

As Oberlander remembers, three school dances were held throughout the school year. The first was the Initiation Dance for the freshmen. This was sponsored by the sophomores. Feeding each other blindfolded and other silly things were things the freshmen had to do.

The second dance was sponsored by the seniors in the spring. Both of these dances were closed. Only New Knoxville High School students could come.

During Oberlander's senior year the Student Council tried to change this rule. The newly-formed group went to a school board meeting, requesting that students be allowed to bring outside guests. Their proposal was denied. "The next day the whole high school was called into the study hall and we were told that we were quite wrong in our attempt to change the rule. I guess we hadn't gone through the proper channels although we thought we had," said Oberlander. "I have to give a lot of credit to Mrs. Dennis, our senior

adviser, because she backed us," she added. "We considered boycotting the dance but decided we'd be the only losers, so we went and had a good time." A few years later, however, that rule was adopted.

Prom was the third dance of the year. Her junior year was special because her class decorated the gym as they still do today. The theme was "Evening in Paris" and they painted a mural of the skyline of Paris on the south wall. "None of this bought professional stuff," said Oberlander. "We did have some excellent artists in our class.

"Proms were much more formal then," said Oberlander. "Not in dress, but in behavior. A sit-down dinner, served by the sophomores, always preceded the dance. "We sat on gliders rather than at card tables," she added.

An orchestra rather than a rock band played. "It seemed as if all the music was slow. All of the teachers came, also." There was also a program. Students listened intently while the junior class prophecy and the seniors' last will and testament were read. "The entertainment my junior year included a duet by Roberta Stout Gratz and Sandy Ellenwood Leffel and a can-can dance by several of the boys.

After prom, many of the students went to the Hub next to the truckstop in Wapak for breakfast.

Senior year brought the first official After Prom. They went to the drive-in in Sidney and watched two James Bond movies and then came back to school and ate breakfast in the cafeteria.

"The plays, the trip to New York and the Prom were probably the three biggest events for most students in the '60's. They were things that brought the class together, and those are memories, whether happy and sad, that remains the longest."

By Jeff Henschen

Class of 1949

Marvin Deerhake
Reuben Eversman
Roberta Fledderjohann
Donald Grimes
Edith Hoelscher
John Hoge
Glen Holtkamp
Reuben Holtkamp
Addis Katterheinrich
Dale Gene Kuck
Dale Robert Kuck
Jackie Kuck
Phyllis McCullough
Carol Meckstroth
Robert Rain
Joanne Schroer
Charles Schrolucke
Eileen Schrolucke
Martha Settlage
Kermit Warner

Class of 1950

Vernon Clausing
Kathryn Cook
Kenneth Elshoff
Grace Eversman
Eileen Haberkamp
Ned Hoge
Malcolm Kantner
Larry Kattman
Betty Kiefer
Lester Kruse
Carol Kuck
Rogene Lehman
Lois Montgomery
Joyce Niemeyer
Forest Sawmiller
John Schneider
Lois Schroeder
Robert Settlage
Merlin Stolzenburg

Class of 1951

Fred Cook
James DuBois
Myron Fledderjohann
Vernon Henkener
Eileen Henschen
Don Hoelscher
Mary Ann Hoge
Jacqualin Hole
Marjorie Kuck
Kermit McCullough
Lillian Schroer
Robert Schroer
Grace Schrolucke
Leah Settlage
James Stienecker
Shirley Stienecker
Allen Wright
Evelyn Zwiebel

Hunting and dances interested '33 grad

Viewing it then and recalling it often — and again now — I've always believed we got a good high school education and had good teachers in the period 1929-33. We had a class of 22 during those Great Depression years. To me, a "farm" boy, the Depression left no impression of particular difficulty. On the farm money was of no great importance.

We went to school daily, usually walking the mile each way, did the morning and evening farm chores, which seemed natural enough, and studied around the kitchen table at night.

My recollection is that the boys were less serious about studies than the girls. In my own case, as a freshman and sophomore, it was guns, hunting, and trapping muskrats and racoon. Two guns were staples on a farm — a .22 caliber rifle to kill hogs for butchering and a 12-gauge shotgun for other purposes, including hunting rabbit and pheasant. No handguns were allowed, however, especially to a high school freshman.

My sophomore year, I surreptitiously bought a .22-caliber revolver. A few other boys in high school also had such revolvers available to them. A group of us brought them to school,

and we would "shoot mark" with them during lunch hour at "the picnic woods," or Hoge's Woods, where the Hoge home is now. I sneaked my gun (loaded!) into school under a sweater and stuck it in my desk. I do not recall the circumstances, but I was the one who was caught. Supt. Reinhard Kuhlman confiscated the gun, and after school that day in the study hall, he gave me a whipping with a rubber hose. I'm sure it was an experience neither he nor I ever forgot. It did the job, and I have always regarded it as perhaps the best single lesson I ever learned in school at any age. By coincidence, my school grades as a sophomore were the worst of any year: four D's and a C. From then, they improved radically. Needless to say, that was the end of kids taking guns to school or shooting mark at noon. Vaguely, it seems I was, and rightly so.

At home, there was always a high regard for education and school, and I've always felt this a firm community value as well. For after-school activities, there was basketball, in particular; music and the annual school stage plays. Dancing was a major away-from-school pursuit, inspired by the great ballroom at old Gordon State Park. When it burned, those our age

felt it a calamity. However, Eagle Hall at Minster became the place to go.

This had an interesting side aspect. Some parents at New Knoxville were not exactly pleased to see what was becoming an all-too-frequent mingling of their Protestant offspring with the Catholic girls from Minster and New Bremen at Eagle Hall. Not a few untruths were told about using the family car on weekends. County basketball tournaments played a part also at that time in bringing New Knoxville's Protestant boys together with Catholic girls from New Bremen and Minster. Later, these acquaintances spread to St. Marys and Celina. I'm certain it was our particular younger generation who broke this barrier.

Kenneth Meckstroth
Class of 1933

Homecoming begins in '71

The students are yelling for their favorites, the parents look on with pride and butterflies are fluttering in the stomachs of the participants. The Homecoming ceremony is under way. This special event started in 1971 with the crowning of the first Homecoming king and queen, Tim Hegemier and Marcia Niemeyer Wierwille.

The excitement and fun that were a part of homecoming in years past are still alive and well today.

Today in 1986, as in years past, grades 9-12 vote for a boy and girl from their class to represent them. The seniors pick three boys and three girls who will vie for the title of Homecoming King and Queen.

While the high school is busy picking

and guessing who the candidates will be, the second grade is also busy picking the couple they want to represent them as crown and scepter bearers. This tradition began in 1983.

After all of the candidates have been chosen, grades 9-12 go to work again. They vote for the senior boy and girl they would like to see crowned.

The winner is kept secret until the half-time of the Homecoming basketball game. The king and queen along with their court reign over the Homecoming dance, which, in most cases, is held the night after the big game.

It is by far an exciting and special event to remember from your high school years.

By Julie Katterheinrich



Tim Hegemier and Marcia Niemeyer Wierwille were crowned Homecoming king and queen in 1971. The tradition of a king, queen and court started in this year at the Homecoming basketball game.

Student Council brings Hawaii to Homecoming

"Go Hawaiian" was the theme for the 1986 Homecoming Dance, the first year the Student Council has chosen a theme. "I thought it was one of the most successful Homecoming dances since I've been in high school," commented senior Julie Katterheinrich. "The idea of a theme is one I hope they'll continue."

The January 11 dance was preceded by ceremonies on January 4 at the game against Jackson Center. Seniors Doug Merges and Jill Schroeder were crowned king and queen by last year's royalty Scott Prueter and Teresa Schroeder.

The gym was decorated with palm trees and pineapples, grass skirts, candles, and yellow, green and hot pink streamers. The students added to the decor by wearing leis that were handed out at the door by junior high Student Council members.

Right, sophomore attendants Jill Leffel and Philip Kuck; freshmen attendants Amy Thompson and Jeff Lehman; junior attendants Matt Gabel and Tina Condon.



Above, Aloha! Senior Ann Homan and date Tim Jarrells are greeted by junior high students Carrie Kuck, Samantha Merges and Jodi Wyatt upon entering the Hawaiian Homecoming Dance.

Right, senior David Cleland and date Teresa Bruns enjoy a slow dance at the Homecoming dance on January 11.



Jill Schroeder and Doug Merges reigned at the 1986 Homecoming festivities.



Senior candidates — seated: John Reineke and Jill Schroeder. Standing: Patty Longworth, Doug Merges, Sarah Novean and Keith Leffel.



Left, each year second graders pick two classmates to carry the crown and scepter at Homecoming. This year Joyce Homan and Hank Stepleton received the honor. **Right**, freshman Amy Thompson, seniors Scott McCabe and Bart Howe and sophomore Jill Leffel ham it up at the Homecoming dance.

Despite strict rules, students enjoyed nightlife

Young Valada Kuck Katterheinrich, wearing a fur coat and cap, used to walk to school by crossing her back yard. She would enter the school's back door and quickly remove the fur cap. "I hated that cap, and every day my mother would make me wear it," laughed the 1929 alumna. Every day she would try to take the cap off before she saw her friends.

In 1929 girls' basketball was making quite an impression on the school. The girls played full court and were quite good — good enough, in fact, to win the county championship in 1927. Some members of the team were Olga Hoge, Alvina Fledderjohann, Gertrude Stienecker, Aldelya Katterheinrich and Meta Kuck. The girls were coached by Ralph Harrod, who at that time was also principal.

Harrod also had charge of the boys' basketball team. The members of the team were not permitted to date during the basketball season. "They snuck a few in though," chuckled Katterheinrich.

School dances then were not permitted. Many weekends "we would tell

our parents we were going to church and they would think we were good kids," stated Katterheinrich. After they attended church, however, they would quickly jump into the Model T Ford and drive to Russell's Point to the dance hall.

In 1929 the senior class didn't take a class trip, but on the last day of school the seniors were permitted to go rowing at Lakeview. "I had a brand new dress on that day and it snowed!" Katterheinrich exclaimed.

If you weren't a senior, the last day of school was celebrated by having a potluck dinner. "The farmers always brought chicken in," remembered Katterheinrich.

At the time she attended school, there were only four teachers for the entire school. Superintendent R.W. Kuhlman, principal Ralph Harrod, Alvina Fledderjohann and music teacher Gebhart were the four mentors.

Katterheinrich and husband Benny reside at her girlhood home at 201 East German Street.

By Tina Condon

CLASS OF 1952

Ramona Eschmeyer
Marilyn Henkener
Melba Henschen
Allen Kuck
Elaine Kuck
Lee Kuhlman
James McCullough
Franklin Sawmiller
Carol Schroer
Lois Schroer
Henry Telljohann
Allen Vordermark
Lee Ann Walters
Norman Wierwille

CLASS OF 1953

David Arnett
Roger Bambauer
Mary Buddemeyer
Lee Deerhake
Roger Deerhake
Leonard Elshoff
Ann Fledderjohann
Bill Henkener
Greta Hole
Mary Kiefer
JoAnn Kuck
Shirley Kuck
Don List
Ruby Lutterbeck
James Niemeyer
John Schroer
Mary Schrolucke
Ralph Schrolucke
Lester Settlege
Howard Smith
Elton Stienecker



Caroline Elshoff Weber, Esther Stienecker Roberts, Edna Katterheinrich and Edna Stienecker in 1923 on a trip to Euclid Beach in Cleveland.

'77 grad loved cars and cruisin'

Preston Meyer, a 1977 graduate of New Knoxville, spent many weekend nights with his friends just cruising around and listening to his favorite bands — Foreigner, Boston and Van Halen. Meyer used to go to Dayton to see their concerts and others like The Cars and Bob Seger.

One of the big spots to go cruising was Wapakoneta. "The downtown would be packed," stated Meyer.

Drag racing was also a popular activity at the time. Meyer had a '65 Chevy he raced with.

During Halloween a big thing to do would be taking a truck load of tires and throwing them in peoples' drive-ways.

By Rick Neuman

'86 youths have more variety

Ah, the weekend! Five days of studious school life have ended and now a teenager is faced with two full days of blessed freedom. But now comes the ultimate decision — what to do. Surprisingly enough, a night of cruising or gawking at the Village Corner Party Shop is not the most common pastime shared by New Knoxville adolescents.

Teenagers often hold jobs during the week as well as on the weekend. Many girls waitress at the local restaurant, Adolph's. Some boys pick up a little cash by working at Katterheinrich's or Lageman's Garage. Babysitting, working on the family farm or helping out with the family business are just a few more examples of cash getters.

Once a teenager has acquired this cash, he spends it. Often a teenager will spend a Saturday night at the Lima Mall. Once there, teenagers are sure to seek out the latest Miami Vice trends or purchase stirrup pants and a wild, baggy sweatshirt. As they browse through the mall, they're also sure to surreptitiously check out the opposite

sex. On the way home a typical group will stop and pig out at McDonald's or Pizza Hut.

Besides shopping, a teenager might spend a night at the movie theater in St. Marys or Celina. He might pass the evening watching movies on a VCR or the town's newly acquired cable channels. NK teenagers are also sure to be found partying at their friend's, outside playing basketball or tennis, making an ice cream run to the Dairy Queen or out on a date with their favorite person.

Free time also comes after school. Often an adolescent is involved in sports and clubs. When there is time to spare a teenager will inevitably fill it. Aerobics, 4-H clubs, talking on the phone, three-wheeling and exercising at the Racquet Club are just a few examples of after school time-fillers. Some nights a teenager will simply prop himself in front of the TV and watch a favorite show such as the "Cosby Show."

By Tina Condon

One of the latest crazes, aerobics, was taught at school by a YMCA director. Dionna Hoelscher was one participant.



Left, Cathy Horstman is at it again — shopping, that is. Aren't these neat Hawaiian shirts? **Above,** during the winter, most New Knoxville citizens could be found in the stands at a basketball game.

Fashions important to 1919 grad

Meta Flora Meckstroth was one of 11 graduates in 1919. Her school career at New Knoxville ended as a junior; her senior year was spent at New Bremen.

Meckstroth attended grade school and junior high in a sailor dress or a skirt with a middie, which was a loose blouse with a sailor collar and an overskirt. For gym classes girls wore bloomers and a middie.

High school dress wasn't too much different. Sailor dresses with dropped waistlines were especially popular. Meckstroth's favorite dress was a navy blue sailor dress with red stars and a red satin tie. According to her, the guys wore knickers until age 14 and then "mostly cast-off suits."

Dark bloomers, dark stockings and a dark top made up Meckstroth's swimsuit in the early high school years. "You couldn't see the skin anywhere. We were pretty well covered," she commented. Later in high school, shorter, one-piece suits and a few two-piece suits were the style.

Women mainly wore dresses; pants were very uncommon. In fact, a middle-aged couple lived in town and the wife was surveyed critically. "She was a little unusual, and she would go up in the apple tree and pick apples with her husband's pants on," remarked Meckstroth. "We would always say, 'Look at that woman! How strange!'"

Hobble skirts — tight, narrow skirts — became very popular in Meck-

stroth's school years. She remembered a Sunday School teacher who had a great deal of difficulty stepping up onto a six-inch stage. Sometimes, overskirts were worn with hobbles.

In 1925, Meckstroth married Arthur Hoge in a white, satin, tea-length dress. At that time, the ankle-length, straight skirt and sleeveless top was fashionable. Meckstroth's gown had all these except the sleeveless top. Hers had small, cup sleeves.

Hats; woolen, silk and cotton stockings; and high shoes were common accessories for a young lady. Hats were rarely purchased but frequently changed. Ben Cook's Department Store had a milliner's room in back. His wife would add flowers, ribbons and other goodies to make an old hat look new. Woolen stockings were generally worn by young children over long underwear in the winter. Cotton and silk hose were worn by older girls.

High shoes were the fashion for all seasons until buckle boots entered the scene around 1918. Mothers such as Meckstroth's were very grateful because the galoshes kept her children's feet warm.

Hairstyles varied then as they do now even though cutting one's hair wasn't common. Meckstroth's hair was usually braided with a bow in her younger years. As she got older she began putting her hair up. Of the popular ear puffs, some kids would joke, "Uh-oh, she has cootie garages."

Tar soap was used for a good shampoo. Because "It was a task to wash your hair," Meckstroth and her friends washed their hair about once a month. After washing her hair, she would sit in front of a stove to dry it.

Something that wasn't in fashion was having a tan. Some girls were known to wash their arms with butter-milk to keep them white. Unfortunately for Meckstroth, she was naturally dark and had brown eyes which enhanced her darkness so her mother never dressed her in white.

Too much jewelry also wasn't fashionable, but a little was. Locketts on long chains were common for younger ladies and a long string of pearls was common for more mature ladies.

By Dionna Hoelscher

Class of 1954

Bill Beickman
Janet Elshoff
Roger Eversman
Thomas Fisher
Dale Henkener
Jean Henkener
Joyce Henkener
Annette Hinze
Ruth Hoge
Ned Katterheinrich
Lloyd Kuck
Alfred Manbeck
Marlene McCullough
Charles Schroeder
Phyllis Schrolucke
Luke Stienecker
Dale Stolzenburg
Arlene Wierwille
Nancy Wierwille
Ned Wierwille
Glenn Williams, Jr.
Marlene Wissman

Class of 1955

Annett Aufderhaar
Wanda Bambauer
Wayne Bambauer
Larry Clausing
Lee Clausing
Robert Deerhake
Joyce Froning
Nancy Haberkamp
Donald Heidt
Dean Hoge
John Hole
Paul Ott
Don Reilly
Marilee Settlege
Phil Skapura
Ruth Warner

This picture was taken at New Bremen High School (circa 1906). Until 1924, NK students went to Wapakoneta, New Bremen or St. Marys for either all or part of their high school. The only students identified are in the top row: Jacob Meckstroth (second from left), father of Kenneth Meckstroth, and Jacob Meckstroth (sixth from left), brother of Meta Hoge.



Individualism is "in" in fashion

Another night of shopping provides more favorite outfits for youngsters. Union Bay, Guess, Esprit, Santa Cruz, Hang Ten, Chams and Levi's are some of the popular brand names in clothing. These brands have styles like stonewashed, multi-pocketed and printed jeans; stirrup pants; shaker-knit sweaters; sleeveless blouses; colored tanks; paisley shirts and long, Hawaiian print and psychedelic-colored shorts. These articles of clothing generally cost from \$25 to \$35 although some jeans and sweaters are known to cost around \$75.

Denim jackets are in and so are big, pastel jackets. These articles range from \$40 to \$100. For dress-up, fake

furs, large overcoats and fancy stadium coats are the style.

Bikinis are also back, but one-piece suits haven't left the scene. Ocean Pacific, Speedo and Arena provide a large variety in skimpy suits that reveal enough flesh for youngsters to have a great tan. These suits, which actually have a paucity of material, cost about \$25.

Feet are decked with high-tops, high heels, comfortable sandals, dressy flats or deck shoes. Bass, Sperry, 9 West, Reebok, Vanderbilt and Nike take care of this department. Prices here vary from \$20 to \$60.

Hair dressing and cuts have become less perfect and more natural. Styling

mousses and gels are popular for quick, funky styles. Mohawks or curls for the guys and anything-goes for the girls has been fashionable for the 1985-1986 school year.

Teens don't look for influential dressers as much as they used to, but if some had to be picked they may be Don Johnson of **Miami Vice** fame, Princess Di or Tina Turner. Perhaps the most important addition to fashion is individualism. Clothes reflect one's personality and that is very important to today's teenagers.

By Dionna Hoelscher



Left, Amy Thompson, Lisa Scheblo and Tom Lepinski sport their favorite shorts in gym class. Most teenagers have at least one pair of similar bermudas. **Below left**, Levi's denim jackets became popular at the beginning of the school year. Here, Philip Kuck and Michael Allen show their taste in clothes and friends. **Below**, Angie Arnett was often found decked in popular stirrup pants and Shaker-knit sweaters while Scott McCabe stayed with his traditional Lee jeans and Hawaiian shirts. Big, loose sweaters and white pants kept Laurie Wierwille in style, but Lisa Scheblo stayed in step with stirrup pants, Hawaiian shirts and jackets with shoulder pads.



Class of 1956

Elleen Clausing
Gene Bupp
Dean Deerhake
Violet Dudgeon
Donna Eschmeyer
Clark Froning
Juli Hoge
Anne Jones
Dean Kuck
Ella May Kuck
Ronald Kuck
Karen Lammers
Marilyn Leffel
Bob McClure
Marjorie McCune
Ned Niemeyer
JoAnn Ott
Evelyn Schroer
Joyce Schroer
Lee Schroer
Roberta Schrolucke
Phyllis Steinke
Nathan Stienecker
Sharon Vodermark
Ruth Warner
Annely Wierwille

Class of 1957

Elnor Arnett
Janice Aufderhaar
Martha Eschmeyer
Jane Henkener
James Henschen
William Hinze
Douglas Katterheinrich
Joann Kettler
Dennis Lammers
Joann McCullough
William McCullough
Phyllis Moellenkamp
Roger Moellenkamp
Nancy Prueter
Dixie Shuster
R. Jay Stauffer
Willis Telljohann
Dixie Westbay
Gloria Wierwille

59' grad enjoys plays

The class plays were always an enjoyment and a source of entertainment for Kenneth Schrolucke, a member of the class of '59. In one of the class plays, Kenny's line was, "What the Sam Hill is going on?" A couple of days later the preacher saw Kenny and talked to him about the play.

"He asked me what I said because he thought I said something else. After I explained what I said, he let me go," said Kenny.

Kenny also remembers getting kicked out of typing class. "We had to staple papers together. Another student and I were stapling to the beat of 'Oh Little Liza Jane.' We were humming and the teacher thought it was

terrible so he kicked us out," stated Kenny. Kenny was later asked back to class.

At the time students did not have to ride the bus to baseball games, but they did have to ride it to basketball games. This changed when Jerry Lutterbeck had an accident. "I was not in the car but in the car behind it. He just went into the ditch," said Kenny. "After that we had to ride the bus."

Kenny now lives in St. Marys and is married to his high school sweetheart, Emma Jane Roode. He works at Good-year, is a fire fighter and a member of the St. Marys School Board.

By Sherry Wright



Above, The Boy Who Changed The World was the class play presented by the junior class in 1970. **Row 1:** Tom Katterheinrich, Deb Katterheinrich, Mark George, Vicki Randall, Gale Sager, John Wellman. **Row 2:** director Mrs. Dennis, Peggy Hoelscher, Kathy Kruse, Brenda Kattman, Cynthia Kuck, David Dennis, Jesse Hegemier, Jane Schafer, Pam Horstman, Cinda Rodeheffer, Karen DuBois, Stephen Henschen, Barb Kruse, Jeff Henschen, John Settlege, Dave Katterheinrich, Paul McCullough. **Row 3:** Mark Schwabero, Keith Howe, Bob Harrod, Ron Kruse, Steve Prueter, Wayne Clark, Ron Scheer, Barb Henkener and Mary Fledderjohann.

1935 senior class captures penant

1935 graduate, Myron Hoelscher, recalled going to school in a Model-T Ford with two other students. At one time they had seven people in a car. Back then students walked to a one-room school during their first eight grades and drove to the town school their high school days. They did not have busses during his first few years of high school.

During Hoelscher's high school days, classes competed to capture other classes' penants. When Hoelscher's senior class captured the junior class's, the juniors were filled

with much indignation. Just before the curtain was to rise for the senior's class play, a group of juniors ran up to the stage with a long pole and tried to snatch the seniors' penant. The seniors were too quick for the juniors and grabbed the penant before the juniors could pilfer it. Since seniors decided that the safest place for their penant was in the middle of the curtain, they picked up the curtain, which at the time rolled down into the floor, and wrapped their penant in it. While all of this was going on, the audience sat there watching, not knowing what was

going on. After the seniors got everything back to normal, they presented their class play.

Another thing that happened while Hoelscher was in high school was the appealing of the 18th Amendment. With prohibition over, students walked up and down the hall saying that they wanted beer. The teachers strolled the halls asking who repealed the 18th Amendment. Even though the students continued to ask for beer, they never received one drop of beer during school hours.

By Jerry Lehman

Seniors bring "Hey Teach" to stage

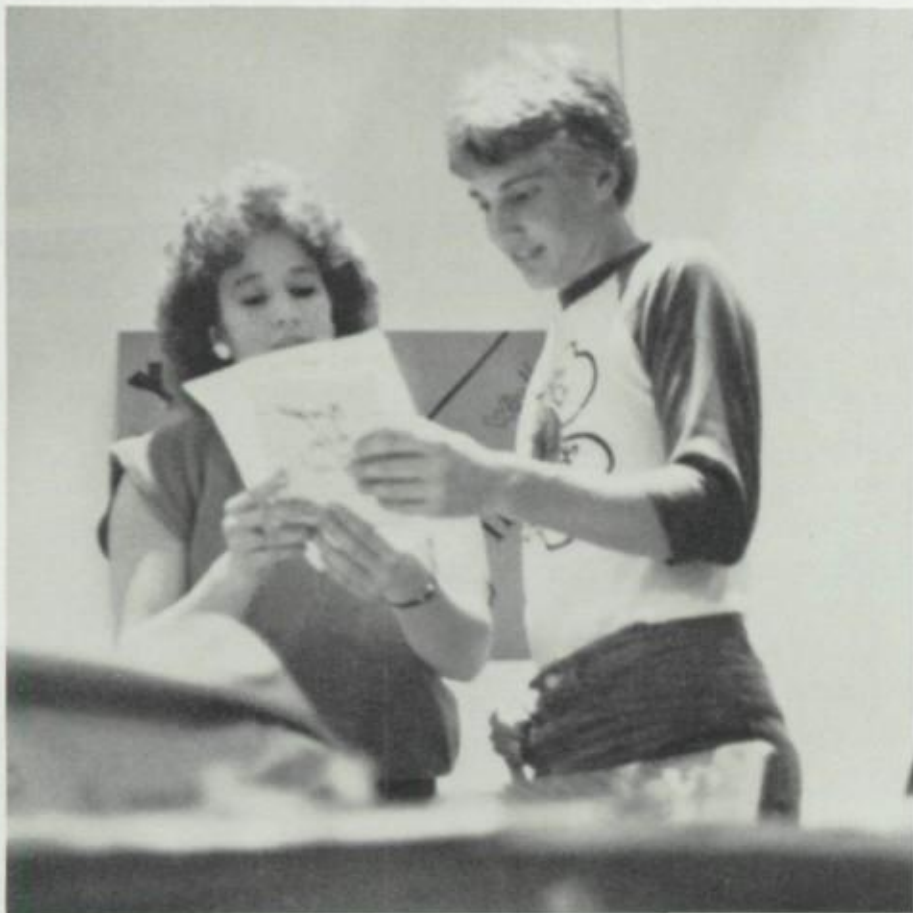
Hey Teach! by Shubert Fendrich was presented by the senior class on May 2. The students were under the direction of Jane Novean and Judy Hoelscher. This was the first time they had ever taken on a task such as this.

The cast spent many long nights on stage practicing for their chance to be in the spotlight.

Cast: Audrey Douglas — Laurie Wierwille; Susan Langden — Sherry Wright; Jazz Martin — Scott McCabe; Jock Harden — John Reineke; Tina Farlow — Patty Longworth; June Jackson — Jill Schroeder; April Smith — Minna Vanhala; Norma Dolan — Sara Kuck; Thyra Walters — Sarah Novean; Laurie Phillips — Kelly Howe; Tim Lombard — Keith Leffel; Angel Thompson — Kim Schrolucke; Carrie Holloway — Luanne Fannon; Gail Sanders — Michele Clune; Bull Andrews — David Cleland; Dwight Hickley — Jeff Kuck; Miss Johnson — Julia Schroer; Phil Wallace — Doug Merges.

These students then had their chance in the spotlight and made it a night in their senior year that won't soon be forgotten.

By Julie Katterheinrich



Upper left, Jazz Martin (Scott McCabe) and Bull Andrews (David Cleland), the class bully, meet in a face-to-face confrontation as Bull's sidekick Dwight Hickley (Jeff Kuck) looks on. **Middle left,** Angel Thompson (Kim Schrolucke) and her boyfriend Tim Lombard (Keith Leffel), the newspaper's photographer, discuss the controversial article that appeared in the high school newspaper. **Middle right,** ex-journalism teacher Miss Johnson (Julia Schroer) gives the new teacher Audrey Douglas (Laurie Wierwille) advice on how to do the school newspaper that she once advised. **Above,** What a Hunk! Jock Harden (John Reineke) is admired by not only fans but also cheerleaders Patty Longworth, Minna Vanhala, Jill Schroeder and Sara Kuck. **Right,** "I can't believe Miss Douglas would actually print a retraction like this!" comments Jazz Martin as he shows Gail Sanders (Michele Clune) and friend Carrie Holloway (Luanne Fannon).

Grade school was never all fun and games

In 1938, 19 students graduated from the school where Hoge Brush is now located. Among these graduates was Martha Lammers Hoelscher.

Hoelscher, who lived on County Line Road during her school years, attended the old school for 12 years. Five days a week she would walk or find a ride to and from school because Auglaize County didn't bus students until 1937.

On one of the earlier days, Hoelscher's brother, Lewis Lammers, drove the family Model T to school. "He used my dinner pail to keep the car from rolling when he started it, and it went right across my pail," she remembered.

Hoelscher also has fond memories of her teachers. A grade school music teacher "wasn't very good, but the kids would run to him and he'd say I love you bushels and bushels." She recalled the English teacher, Martha Haberkamp, and the superintendent, R.W. Kuhlman, teachers such as Caroline Holtkamp, Rebecca Niemeyer, F.A. Grewe, Oliver Mahn and Viola Mahn Katterheinrich.

At her school Hoelscher recalled that the gas lines were connected between the home ec room and the chemistry/industrial arts room. When the girls were cooking, the guys would

blow air into the pipes so the stove would go out. "Our cakes would fall, and our food would be ruined because the boys did mean things," she noted.

As spring holds the Junior-Senior Prom for the students now, it also held it in store for juniors and seniors in 1938. The gym was decorated, and the youngsters dressed up for the occasion much like today. The whole night consisted of dinner, a movie, and finally dancing.

Operettas, sports, youth fellowship and listening to the radio were some other popular activities at that time, because youngsters didn't drive much. When the youths wanted to go somewhere, their parents generally drove them.

Among Hoelscher's school-day memories are some that aren't so pleasant. One particular day at recess, the boys took a trip to the creek across the playground. When it was time to return to class, the boys surprised everyone by bringing a snake with them and putting it into a girl's desk. "That caused a lot of problems," remembered Hoelscher.

Another not-so-pleasant memory was one in first grade. "I fell on the playground and cut a gash in my forehead," she recalled. "The teacher sent me to Dr. Meckstroth's all by myself which was quite a few blocks away."

By Dionna Hoelscher



This photograph was taken on the last day of school at Brookside School, located two miles east of New Knoxville, as everyone prepared for a baseball game against New Knoxville. According to Edna Katterheinrich baseball games were held every Friday afternoon during warm weather.

CLASS OF 1958

John Buddemeyer
Jean Eversman
John Froning
William Jones
Tad Kattman
Emily Kruse
Larry Kuck
Linda Leffel
Jerry Lutterbeck
Elmer Neuman
Janice Schrolucke
Doris Settlage
Grace Settlage
Elaine Shuster
William Sudman
Beverly Warner
Don Warner

Antics highlight grade-school years

In 1938, Lester Kruse and his classmates of the graduating class of 1950 began their education at the "new" school, the one presently in use today. Earlier, students living in the country, such as Lester, would have attended a country school before transferring to New Knoxville for their high school education.

Lester remembers a day in his sixth grade year. When their teacher, Mr. Clem Stienecker, walked out of the room, Lester and Robert Schroer folded a few airplanes and threw them. "We found if we stood on the window sill, the airplanes would go farther," said Kruse. "Mr. Stienecker walked in while we both were on the sill throwing airplanes."

Their punishment made this moment

stick. "Bend over and put your hands on your ankles," said Stienecker. He then paddled both of them in front of the entire class.

Lester also remembers two high school events. One was dipping sheep with Mr. E.G. Hasler, the vo-ag teacher, to remove the bugs from the sheep. The sheep were submerged in the liquid, then pulled out to dry. The sheep shook the dip onto the boys who could be smelled for two days.

The second event was his senior class trip. "We had a good, clean trip to Washington, D.C., where we saw Congress in session," said Kruse. "At that time there was no big problem with alcohol as there is today."

By Jerry Lehman

Schrolucke recalls school life during war years

"The high school grades went out and collected scrap iron and sent it to be made into war materials," said '43 graduate Bob Schrolucke of the war.

The war had an effect on many aspects of school life. "We had an abbreviated basketball schedule and gas rations, and buses didn't drive to many games," he added.

This was also the only year that there wasn't a **Memoir** because the materials needed for the yearbook couldn't be obtained. Instead the seniors were given a senior memory book with the class picture and a picture of each student. There was also room to add clippings and souvenirs.

For extracurricular activities, Schrolucke played the trumpet and bass drum in the band, sang in the chorus, had a leading part in the class play, *Don't Take My Penny*, and played baseball and basketball.

Schrolucke lettered four years in baseball, playing shortstop and third base. New Knoxville won the county championship each year he played. In his senior year New Knoxville played Ney in the district tournament at Jewell but lost, 2-1. The Rangers led 1-0 in the sixth inning. "We are kind of proud because the guy who pitched against us was Ned Garver who went on to the pros playing for the St. Louis Browns. Garver won 20 games for a last place team," said Schrolucke. Ney went on after defeating New Knoxville to win the state championship.

The districts were usually held at Defiance. That year, however, the diamond was located near a river, and the outfield was under water.

Schrolucke lettered two years in basketball, missing a three-year award by one game. "New Knoxville and Waynesfield held the county tourna-

ments because we had the best gyms. They were both new," Schrolucke said of the now-obselete facilities.

The recent domination of New Knoxville over rival, New Bremen, is not a novelty. According to Schrolucke, New Bremen lost to New Knoxville in basketball from 1940 to 1950.

After school hours, the Eagles in Minster was a spot for teens to dance. It opened the day before Easter and closed on Halloween. "Jersey Bound," "Stardust," and "Sentimental Journey" were just a few of the popular songs Schrolucke named.

One change that Schrolucke has noted since 1943 is the addition of a cafeteria for students. Schrolucke said that Orley's was one place to eat during the noon hour. Orley's is now Brown's Service Center.

By Jeff Henschen

CLASS OF 1959

Joyce Bambauer
Mary Bambauer
Mary Bierbaum
Don Clausing
Gene Deerrhake
Larry Elshoff
Sandra Elshoff
Rosalyn Eschmeyer
Jean Gritzmeyer
Doris Heidt
Billy Henschen
Donald Henschen
Janet Hoge
Marta Hoge
Larry Howe
Ronald Howe
Gary Katterheinrich
Linda Kattman
Don Kiefer
Doris Klopfenstein
Darrel Kuck
James Kuck
Kenneth Kuck
Thomas Kuck
Sandra Lammers
Patricia Laughlin
Jerry Lehman
Larry Longworth
Delores Ott
Emma Jane Roode
Doris Schroer
Kenneth Schrolucke
Allen Smith
Larry Snyder
Elsie Steinke
Robert Wierwille

CLASS OF 1960

Richard Bambauer
Dean Clausing
Don Eversman
Linda Fledderjohann
Dale Greims
Jim Hagan
Patricia Hinze
Larry Jauert
Mark Jones
Perry Kantner
William Kuhlman
Larry Leffel
John Lowenbergh
Dale Manbeck
Tom McClure
Dale Meckstroth
Karen Meckstroth
Larry Niemeyer
Larry Roettger
Joyce Settlage
Edward Shupp
Kathleen Wellman
Laura Wierwille

Right, Janice Settlage as an eighth grade student in 1965 poses in front of the school at the beginning of the year.



Above, the Henkener School was part of Walter Henkener's home. **Front,** Reinhard Rain, Orville Aufderhauer, Oliver Vordermark. **Middle,** Alvina Wierwille, Lawrence Schroeder, Cornelius Henkener, Walter Henkener, William Rain. **Back,** Caroline Meckstroth Holtkamp (teacher), Ella Wierwille, Priscilla Kruse, Arora Vordermark, Caroline Wierwille, Selma Schroeder, Emma Rain, Ann Laura Vordermark.

Graders are in the swing of things . . .



Top left, Laura Waugh, a member of the kindergarten p.m. class, participated in Old-fashioned Day at the end of Right to Read week. Here, she gave the class some history on her outfit, and the shoemaker's form during show and tell. **Top right,** Brenda Homan, Hank Stepleton, Luke Hegemeier, Ben Wibbeler, Danielle Lloyd, Sarah Settlage, John Meyer, Andy Fledderjohann and Angie March patiently wait for the Candy Man in "Kidsville, U.S.A." **Middle left,** Brian Prater, Toby Hardin, Sasha Rinderle, Deanita Prater and Jack Wellman perform as the Kidsville firemen. **Middle right,** Mike Varno, Darrel Gross, Jill Klopfenstein, Heidi Barber, Melissa Thompson and Jenny Lehman help plant a tree in the school's front yard on Arbor Day. **Bottom,** Josh Quellhorst shows his mother, Pam, and his sister, Jamie, his excellent school work at Open House.



While JH kids play it cool



Top left, Brent Lauth and Ralph Wierwille race to the finish at a track meet against Jackson Center early in the season. **Below far left,** "... and one, and two, and go for the burn!" Jodi Wyatt works hard in aerobics during Christmas Interterm. **Below left,** Stacy Tinnerman lets off steam by throwing the shot put during a meet against Marion Local. **Below,** Jill Klopfenstein receives help from student aide Lori Piehl, a seventh grader.



Left, Katie Kuck, Lori Piehl, Carrie Kuck, Amy Leffel and Sam Stepleton examine a student's work at Open House. **Above,** future science majors Matt Schrolucke and Todd Elshoff brought a frog to Open House to dissect in Mrs. George's room.

High school students show true identity

Right, the varsity boys' basketball team practices the hula during the "Go Hawaiian" pep rally on January 3. Doug Merges walked away with the championship and a can of pineapple.

Below, Matt Gabel and Julie Katterheinrich discuss the current girls' basketball game as Julie mans the senior-sponsored concession stand.

Below right, senior Laurie Wierwille munches on a German Club Christmas cookie to help promote business. Laurie, president of the club, and the rest of the members worked to raise money for the German Club trip on April 4 and 5 to eastern Ohio. **Below far right**, Amy Thompson flashes one of her popular "I didn't do it" looks when caught outside the art room during class. Amy served as the junior high student aide.



Above, Jenette Schumacher prepares to eat an ice cream-filled swan-shaped cream puff in home economics class. **Right**: "Here kitty, kitty!" Jon Wilkins and Matt Gabel show off their physiology project in Mr. Bornhorst's room. The class not only dissected cats, but they also studied the physical body.





Mexico native finds year in America helpful

My name is Rebeca Enriquez Lugo, and I am from Valles, Mexico. When I go back home, I am going to a university to study clinical psychology.

I am very grateful to my parents for the opportunity to come to the U.S. to learn and study English. Many of my textbooks will be written in English, so I need to be able to read and understand the language. I also appreciate being able to learn about and experience a different culture than the one I grew up in. So I say a big thank you to my mom and dad in Valles.

My favorite classes were chorus and home economics. I also enjoyed your sports program. In Mexico we do not participate as much in sports, and we do not have as much school spirit.

I have really enjoyed my experiences

here. It was interesting trying all the different foods. Some I liked, especially hamburgers (without catsup), meatloaf and spaghetti. The way of living is very different. So is the weather.

It is hard to find words for this year. It was great, and I wish it would never stop! This town and its people will always stay in my heart.

I want to thank all my teachers for their patience, help and friendship. Thank you to all the people in high school who have made this year the best experience for me!

I want to give my best thanks to my American family, the Schroers for treating me like a member of their family and for helping me enjoy my year as much as possible.

By Rebeca Enriquez Lugo



Top left, Rebeca clearly enjoyed her stay in America. As part of the publications class, she wrote articles for the newspaper and yearbook. **Left,** Minna enjoys time out in one of her favorite classes — world history — where she often discussed her homeland.

Finnish student finds small town pleasant

A year in an American high school as an exchange student has always been one of my dreams. 1985-1986 were the years when it came true. The year in a farming town where about 800 people live wasn't exactly what I had expected. The big cities and hot beaches are so much better known abroad that we sometimes forget the farming areas.

At first, speaking English and not being able to communicate with my native language, Finnish, was hard and frustrating. Many easy everyday situations, like shopping or conversing with a friend, became difficult; and they needed a lot of hard thinking and patience. Most of the time I was in a good

mood, and exchange students' worst enemy, homesickness, didn't bother me at all. The old proverb which says that you have to live in the country by its rules or leave the country was often the only way of thinking, which made me accept all new rules and regulations.

This year taught me a lot. Not only in school, where I learned about American history, government and literature, but also everyday conversations with people always made it a little bit easier to understand and accept the different way of living.

During my year in the U.S.A., I got to know not only New Knoxville, Ohio, but Colorado and Kansas during a long

weekend, Washington D.C. with eighth-graders and New York on a senior class trip. My exchange student year was busy and time passed quickly.

New Knoxville was a great place for an exchange student. Here an exchange student is known by everyone. Friendly people who knew who I am and where I come from made me feel that I wasn't a stranger, and they helped me to fit into this community.

I say thank you to every person in New Knoxville and especially to the Noveans, my host family, who made my staying here possible.

By Minna Vanhala

Antics make '54 memorable

Mark Twain once stated "Never let school interfere with your education." The class of 1954 believed in education but they also didn't forget about mixing a little excitement with school. Lloyd (Red) Kuck remembers two not-so-serious moments that made high school memorable.

The first incident happened in study hall. Someone brought a firecracker which ended up in the hand of 1953 graduate Roger Bambauer. A group of boys gathered around to see what was happening. While Roger wasn't looking Lee Deerhake lit the fuse. "Roger was forced to make a quick decision," remembers Red Kuck. "He decided to throw it out the window." What made the moment memorable was at the time the study hall was above Superintendent Roger Stauffer's office. Red

added, "It sure didn't take long for him to get up to study hall because the firecracker exploded right outside his window."

The second event happened when the class was decorating for prom. Red was sent home because they needed something to catch water from the fountain they were using. He brought back a container but he also brought back a little goat for excitement. They let the little kid run around the gym until he started eating the paper flowers. Mrs. Sparks, the adviser, had to hold the goat for the entire evening. "What made it funny was that she enjoyed holding it," said Red. "Every time I talk to her, she always reminds me of our prom decorations and the little goat."

By Jerry Lehman



CLASS OF 1961

Barbara Bambauer
Paula Bubp
Glen Culp
Gary Elshoff
Donna Etgen
Larry Fledderjohann
Karen Gritzmaker
Louise Henschen
Michael Henschen
Jerry Hoelscher
Mary Hoelscher
Terry Huston
Joyce Howe
Peggy Katterheinrich
Roger Katterheinrich
Bob Kuck II
Jerry Kuck
Roger LaWarre
Dan Meckstroth
John Schroeder
Gene Schrolucke
Sharon Schrolucke
Diane Shuster
Bob Wierwille

CLASS OF 1962

Rebecca Buddemeyer
Ed Davis
Connie Elshoff
Jim Elshoff
Mack Elshoff
James Etgen
Cheryl Eversman
Marilyn Harrod
Sharon Henkener
Ann Henschen
Danny Henschen
Dennis Henschen
Steve Jones
Lee Katterheinrich
David Kattman
Steve Kruse
Stanley Kuck
Diane Lammers
Tom Lammers
Mike McCabe
Ray McCormick
Ronald McCormick
Eugene Opperman
Mary Rain
Kathlyn Rodeheffer
Bonnie Schroer
Bob Snyder
Joyce Stork



Right, Bill Ray and Jill Shiley form a bridge as Carol Chalk and Preston Meyer dive for the oyster during the 1980 Prom whose theme was "Stairway to Heaven, Highway to Hell." **Above,** Diane Shuster is caught decorating for the 1961 prom entitled "Moonlight Sonata."



Above, in 1976 the juniors and seniors were "Holding on to Yesterday." This was the theme for prom of that year. Their theme held tight to the bicentennial celebration which took place in the same year.

Feldwisch recalls best years

"Those were the best of my school years," recalled 1944 graduate Vernon Feldwisch of his first six years in school. Feldwisch attended Brookside School until grade seven. At this point, he took the bus to the new school at New Knoxville.

Feldwisch inherited his moniker, Ducky, from his father, "Years ago everyone had a nickname," he commented. Ducky has been his since school.

Martha Haberkamp, who taught English, was Feldwisch's favorite teacher. Besides English courses, he also took business courses and Latin, which was compulsory for one year. "About the only word I remember is the word for window — *finester*," he noted because it is much like the German word — *Fenster*.

German could not be taken in school, but it was not needed as a course then. Ducky, like many other children his age, grew up speaking German. "It was my first language," Feldwisch remarked. "I guess I could speak some English when I went to school."

Some of the fondest memories of his are those of basketball. As a sophomore, he made the varsity team despite his being five feet tall and weigh-

ing only 100 pounds. "We won 16 or 17 straight games my senior year," he said, and they played tough competition such as Wapak, St. Marys and Celina. In regional tournament, the team lost to Lima St. John's, the state runners-up. "Heartbroken. That is all I can say."

When speaking of prom, Feldwisch chuckles. "While we were dancing, somebody threw a live groundhog in the door. It went crazy around all of those people." As was expected, the girls ran up into the bleachers, but the guys laughed because they knew about the prank ahead of time. The next year the same person threw out chickens, which the janitor captured and took home with him. "From then on he had fresh eggs for breakfast," laughed Ducky.

For fun Feldwisch and his friends would go to the movies or the junior or senior class plays. They also "used to go out in my grandpa's Model A Ford for the heck of it."

In 1949, Ducky married Joann Lammers, a 1946 graduate of New Knoxville. They now reside as the fourth generation on the family farm on Bay Road.

By Dionna Hoelscher

CLASS OF 1963

Gary Bambauer
Kay Elshoff
Ruth Eschmeyer
Bob Grimes
Orville Heidt
Sharon Henschen
Thomas Howe
James Jauret
Guy Katterheinrich
Mack Kruse
Marilyn Kruse
Janie Kuck
Rebecca Meckstroth
Kelly Napier
Stanley Nolte
Karen Rain
Jean Roode
Judy Schrolucke
Dennis Shupp
Jay Siniff
Mary Vordermark
Stanley Wietholter

Juniors go all out to create a dream

Romance filled the air on May 9 at the annual Prom. "On the Edge of a Dream" was the theme the juniors picked after much discussion. Purple, blue and lavender made up the color scheme for the evening.

Because the current Junior Class took their class trip in eighth grade, they had more money to spend on Prom. Instead of charms, the favors this year were brandy snifters with the theme on them. These were given out at the Chalet Inn, which was also paid for by the Junior Class. This was the first time dinner had been enjoyed by the entire group since the dinners at school were discontinued in 1969.

Foxfire of Piqua began playing at 9 p.m. Their repertoire included pop, rock, square dances and special music

for the chaperones.

After-Prom was held at the Lake Front Raquet Club in Celina. Here, the teenagers had the chance to play tennis, volleyball, basketball, racquetball or ping-pong; swim in the pool; relax in the sauna or whirlpool and win some prizes.

The Parents-After-Prom Committee rounded up prizes from several area businesses. Julie Katterheinrich won \$100 in the drawing, Sara Kuck and Sherry Wright won \$50, Ann Homan received a typewriter, Matt Schneider received a portable stereo, Jill Schroeder won a \$50 gift certificate to St. Marys Sporting Goods and several people received other prizes.

By Dionna Hoelscher



Above, "Farmer's Daughter" and other square dances proved fun for several couples including Doug Merges and Patty Longworth. **Above right**, Ryan Egbert and Scott Hoelscher place bricks in the columns to secure them. The result of their hard work is shown below right.





Far left, Jon Wilkins and Jeff Henschen lower the chandelier, made by Tim Jarrells, into the Prom area. The juniors began decorating Saturday, May 3, and continued for three to four hours each weeknight. **Above,** Mrs. Titus gives last minute advice to enthusiastic juniors Jeff Henschen, Angie Prichard, Cathy Horstman, Lisa Grimes and Jon Wilkins. To express their thanks, the junior class gave Mrs. Titus a gift certificate to Lazarus. **Left,** Bart Howe, Rick Neuman and Jill Leffel prepare to dip for the oyster during the square dances.



Above, this fountain, donated by Manbeck's, stood in the northeast corner of the gym. **Right,** several prom couples boogie to the beat that Foxfire of Piqua provided.



Kruse stays dry in NYC

"We boarded the bus at the high school and only made it to the Neil Armstrong Airport where we waited two hours while Mr. Lageman fixed the bus and we went to Columbus to get a replacement bus," recalled 1972 graduate Deb (Chalk) Kruse as she reminisced about her senior trip.

Some of the things Deb recalls seeing in New York City were Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller's and Vanderbilt's mansions, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and the play **Fiddler on the Roof**.

One incident Deb recalled occurred during some free time. "When we had free time on Friday, about ten boys and girls went shopping all over New York City," she said, "but it started

raining, so we went into the ten-cents store (believed to be Woolworth's) and all bought umbrellas.

Deb's best memories centered around Deb's cheering for the 1970-71 basketball team. "The gym was always packed and everybody loved to cheer," said Deb.

Adolph's or Happy Humpty was the place for wiling away the evening or celebrating a Ranger win.

During her junior year, Deb recalled putting on the play **Off the Track** and **Meet Me in St. Louis** her senior year. During her junior year the class had the prom theme Underwater Fantasy.

By Todd Kuck



Top right, the first stop the seniors had on their trip in 1977 was at Valley Forge, PA. Here they are visiting the church that George Washington attended. **Above right**, one of the highlights on the 1978 trip was seeing the world famous Rockettes perform. **Above**, after the show in Philadelphia, Brad Stephenson presents Mike Douglas with a Neil Armstrong medallion and moon cheese.



Niemeyer lost in NYC

One of the "special memories" I have of high school is when we had to dissect a worm for biology class. I still remember the rusty pie pans half full of parafin which we used to lay the worm in. We would slit the skin part way down and use straight pins to hold it back (pushed into the parafin). A little white dot was the worm's brain. I didn't like the smell of the formaldehyde that the specimens had to be stored in. It was interesting to learn about, but yucky to mess with, thank you.

I liked to go to p.e. class when we could play volleyball (which I'm still playing now) or jump on the trampoline.

A time I will never forget is when Marsha Hoelscher and I were on our senior class trip, and we got lost in Macy's in New York City. We were

to be back with our class at a certain time, and that time was getting closer and closer! We left Macy's and went down to the subway area. We couldn't decide which way the streets were numbered, so therefore we couldn't decide which direction to go on the subway. It was real noisy and hectic which didn't help our ability to reach a decision. Both of us were really scared. I said a quick prayer for help (Marsha may have too) and we got on a subway car. We got the right one! When it got to the street we wanted, we rushed off and ran! We got back to our class just in time to go see another site. I can do quite nicely, thank you, without that kind of excitement on a trip.

Anita (Niemeyer) Winters
Class of 1967

Last trip to the Big Apple

The tradition of a class trip to New York City came to an end this year with the class of 1986.

The class enjoyed many of the same points of interest as students in previous years had. A bus tour of the Bowery, Harlem, and Chinatown; a trip to the United Nations, the Empire State Building and Macy's and a boat ride on the Staten Island Ferry were all part of the traditional tourist fare.

Special to this class, however, was the dinner at Mama Leone's, a famous Italian restaurant, and the musical **42nd Street**. Other students will not forget the hour and a half wait outside the Hard Rock Cafe for a chance to see Michael J. Fox. Although he never showed, they did see a rock band called Join Forces and an actor from Saturday Night Live.

Also new on the trip was a tour of the NBC studios in Rockefeller Center.

Finally, chaperone, Charles Rowen, will always fondly be remembered by the seniors as Pops after he was approached by a New Yorker with the question, "How about a quarter, Pops?"



Top left, Rob Katterheinrich, Ann Homan, (in back) Scott McCabe, David Cleland, Michele Clune and Rebeca Enriquez take time out for a breather before touring the United Nations. **Top right**, Kelly Howe waits impatiently for the elevator to take her to the sixth floor. The seniors had to travel from the fourth floor to the sixth floor for a can of pop. Once there, they were astonished by the price, 85 cents. **Middle**, the 25 seniors that visited the Big Apple posed for a group shot outside St. Patrick's Cathedral. **Left**, the Statue of Liberty stands tall in the horizon. The seniors were not allowed on Ellis Island due to reconstruction of the Lady. It will open on July 4th. **Above**, Chinatown was a unique place for the seniors. It held many colorful flags and Chinese traditions.

Graduation brings memories

Breaking the tradition, the 76th New Knoxville graduating class decided to complete the commencement exercises with speeches from two class members instead of a guest speaker.

Class president John Reineke gave a welcoming speech which reflected upon the lasting and proud memories the class has shared together. A farewell message was given by valedictorian Julia Schroer which she ended with an emotional song entitled "Friends."

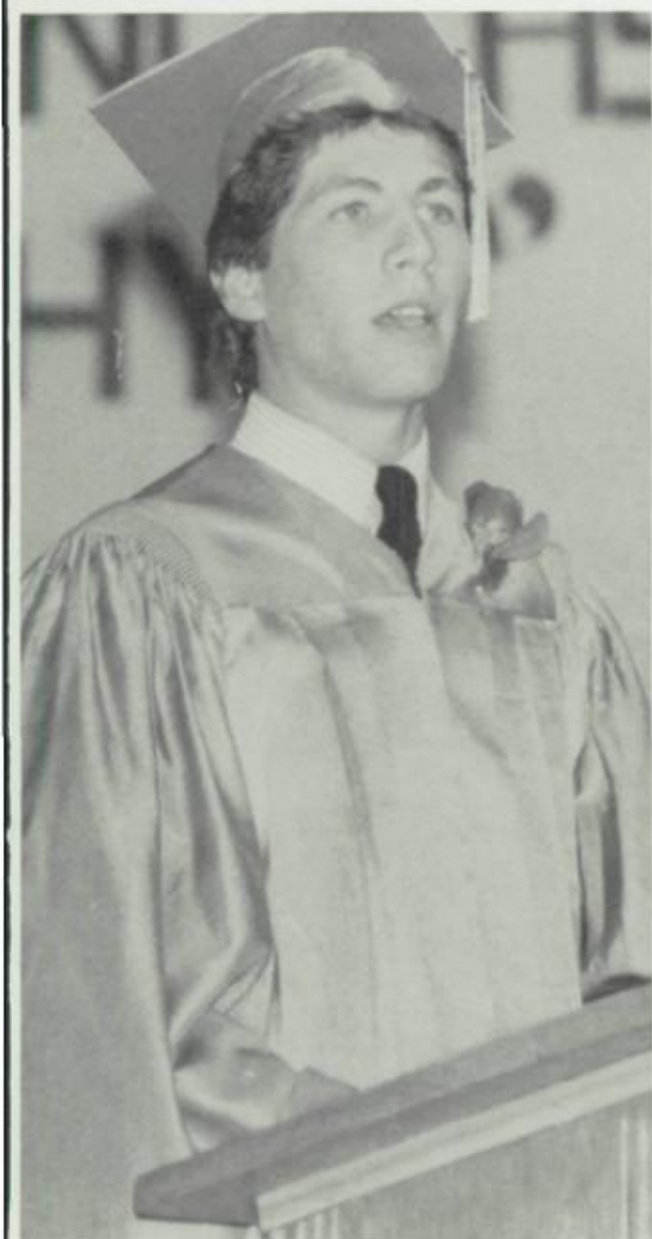
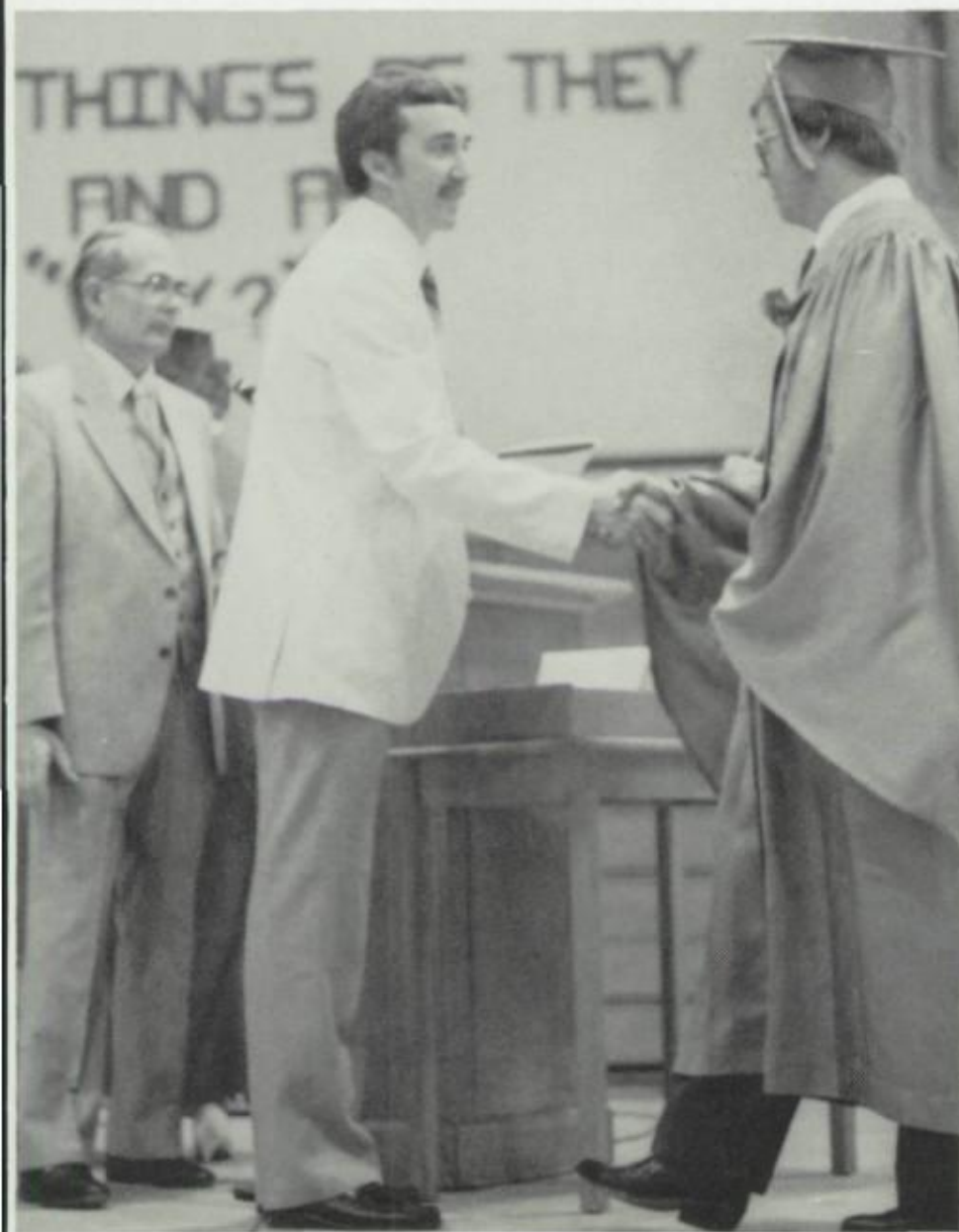
The exercises were complimented by the women's chorus and concert band. Seventeen class members joined in the singing of the class song, "The Greatest Love Of All," accompanied by Joann Feldwisch. "You see things as they are and ask, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were and ask, 'Why not?'" was the class motto. Scarlet and gray were their class colors.

By Patty Longworth



Top right, Julia Schroer's valedictory speech included the song "Friends" which was dedicated to the graduating class. Julia was honored with scholarships from Oral Roberts University, the National Honor Society, Madeline Rodeheffer, the Kiwanis Club and the Civic Association. **Above,** Eugene Opperman Jr. proudly shakes graduate George Franks' hand as he accepts his diploma. **Right,** salutatorian Ann Homan steps forth and accepts her award for her academic achievements. Ann also garnered scholarships from the National Honor Society, the Ohio Board of Regents and the New Knoxville Teachers Association.





Top left, Dirk Meckstroth proudly accepts his diploma from Eugene Opperman Jr., president of the Board of Education. **Top right**, in 1910 New Knoxville graduated their first class from a two-year high school. **Top**: Ben Feldwisch, Bertha Cook, George Kattman (teacher), Marianne Wellman, and Gustave Schroer. **Middle**: Noah Katterheinrich and Herbert Meyer. **Bottom**: Elmer Kruse, Bertha Duhme, Caroline Meckstroth and William Stork. **Middle right**, the twenty-nine members of the 1986 New Knoxville graduating class await the beginning of the graduation ceremonies. **Bottom left**, class president John Reineke welcomes the audience. Reineke was awarded the Civic Association's leadership scholarship. **Bottom right**, "The Greatest Love of All," which reflected upon the past 13 years of memories they shared, was performed by 17 seniors.

Class of 1964

Suzanne Bambauer
Donna Elshoff
John Eversman
Dorcas Gesler
Mark Hall
Randy Henkener
Judith Hoelscher
Nick Howe
Kim Katterheinrich
Joe Katterheinrich
Ted Katterheinrich
Gary Kuck
Ron Kuck
Larry LaWarre
David Lhamon
John Longworth
Jim Manbeck
Marcia McCormick
Lois Michael
Florence Opperman
Patricia Rodeheffer
Jane Schwabero
Dick Wierwille

Class of 1965

Dennis Egbert
Sandy Ellenwood
Joyce Eschmeyer
John Frische
David Fledderjohann
Lee Fledderjohann
Linda Grimes
Sheila Gruebmeier
David Henschen
Ruth Henschen
John Hinze
Linda Hoge
James Holl
Dennis Howe
Janet Katterheinrich
Kathleen Katterheinrich
Wayne Kettler
Judy Kruse
Jane Kuhlman
Jean Lisle
Walt Mangan
Beverly McCune
Janean Meckstroth
Jim Meckstroth
Kenny Meyer
Karen Niemeyer
Karen Nuss
Darell Rupert
David Shafer
Shirley Schafer
Don Schroer
Wayne Schroer
Jim Schwabero
Laura Siniff
Judy Smart
Roberta Stout
Elaine Sudman
Jerry Wolfe

1980 grad shares two memories

I have two special memories of high school. Both are from my senior year, 1979-80. One is sad; the other happy.

Mr. Noel Fannon was a super history and government teacher. He was the type of teacher that everyone respected mainly because he was very authoritative. He died suddenly during the winter. At the cemetery after the funeral, each senior placed a rose on his casket. Many tears were shed among school officials and students.

My second special memory is winning the Midwest Athletic Conference baseball championship.

We were by far the smallest school in the league and in a major slump as far as overall sports were concerned. We had just finished a dismal 7-14 basketball season.

We ended up league play at 7-1 with the only loss to Coldwater, but Coach Trout called up in New York City while we were on our senior trip to tell us that St. Henry had beaten Coldwater, which gave Coldwater two losses and us the league championship.

John Katterheinrich
Class of 1980



Right, Mac Champs 1980 — Row 1: Stan Reineke, Irvin Coats, Paul Kuhlman, Keith Thobe, Bob Jaynes and Bill Ray. **Row 2:** Coach Steve Trout, John Kuhlman, Ned Howe, Steve Reineke, Steve Kuhlman, John Katterheinrich, Mike Niemeyer, Ted Howe.

'64 grad holds good and bad memories

"When we were little, Grandma worked in the cafeteria and my sister and I would come in early with her. We were playing tag and we were supposed to keep our eyes shut. I cheated and opened my eyes. I didn't think the wall was so close, and I took off running. I smacked into the wall and broke my teeth."

This is just one of several memories of school shared by Lynn Stork McCabe, a 1964 graduate.

Lynn remembers the clothes were different. "We wore plaid woven skirts, knee socks, button-down sweaters, saddle shoes and rolled-up jeans," recalled Lynn.

Lynn noted that "we didn't do much to get in trouble because everyone was afraid of their parents. I can remember that someone locked a girl in a storage locker with a coat hanger. They kept her there until the teacher came back.

Lynn was a majorette and a cheerleader during her high school years. "I had to march in front of Mack Elshoff, and he played the trombone. When Mack would have to play the low notes, every once in a while he would jab me with his trombone," said Lynn.

Lynn's senior trip was not a hit for her. "I didn't eat enough during the year, and the class trip I spent most of my time in bed sick," she said.

By Sherry Wright



Lynn McCabe obviously wasn't happy with the photographer who took this picture for the 1964 yearbook.

ACADEMICS



Buildings and customs see changes

The New Knoxville School has been the center of academic excellence for over 146 years. The school has also served to knit together a community of more than 1500 residents.

The first school was conducted in 1840 and was held in the First Reformed and Lutheran Church. Tuition was required to attend school. One nickel was the cost for one student per day, making the grand monthly total of one dollar. Classes were in session for six months of the year. The first three months — October, November and December — only German was taught. The second semester, January through March, was devoted to the study of English.

The school contained a paucity of students. In 1842, the first year attendance was kept, only 13 boys attended classes. Ten years later, there was a total of 27 students, all boys.

The first teacher, principal and superintendent, was a German man by the name of Heinrich Kuck. Kuck was also the nominal head of the Reformed Church. Despite this fact, Kuck taught as many Methodist children as he did Reformed children.

In 1853 Kuck became the permanent pastor of the Reformed Church and felt the need to give up his profession of teaching. In attempts to keep a public school, he called a joint meeting of the Methodist and Reformed fam-

ilies. The families greatly revered Kuck and agreed to jointly build a community school.

The four-room brick building was built and was ready for use on October 1, 1853. This building is presently the Hoge Brush Factory. The new mentor was H.W. Snethkamp, the nephew of Kuck. The school was opened for a period of nine months with a partial grading system being used. Children were divided into three grades. The first one consisted of a primary grade, grades one through three. Grades four through six were labeled the intermediate grade, and the grammar grade was the seventh and eighth grade.

Through the years the Board of Education felt there was a need for higher education. George H. Kattman established a type of high school, which was called the third grade. In 1910 the first class, ten students, graduated from New Knoxville after two years of high school.

Fortunately, the public was very enthusiastic about their school's progress and wanted an even larger school. In 1926 an addition to the school consisted of a gymnasium, study hall and other classrooms. The curriculum then expanded. Before the school grew, English, math, history, science and a foreign language were the subjects taught. After extra rooms were added, students had the choice

of taking agriculture, advanced math and science, home economics and business education courses.

In 1936 the school was considered unsafe following a number of earthquakes. Instead of repairing the school, the public chose to build a new school. Public donations and federal grants helped to build the \$144,073 school, the school in use today.

In just twenty years, 1956, the school building was incapable of providing enough space for students. An addition to the north side provided a kitchen, cafeteria (multi-purpose), rest-room and six separate classrooms.

By popular community support, a new gymnasium was added to the school in 1976. The gym was built by Schnipple Construction with the help of 70 New Knoxville volunteers and many community donations. The first game was held on January 8, 1977.

In 1985-86 the New Knoxville School District joined with eight other districts to form the Tri-Star Compact, offering 17 vocational programs. Advanced computer classes and extra art classes have also been added to the curriculum for the students.

Even though the school has faced many changes, with the constant support of the public, it has continued its strive of excellence.

By Tina Condor

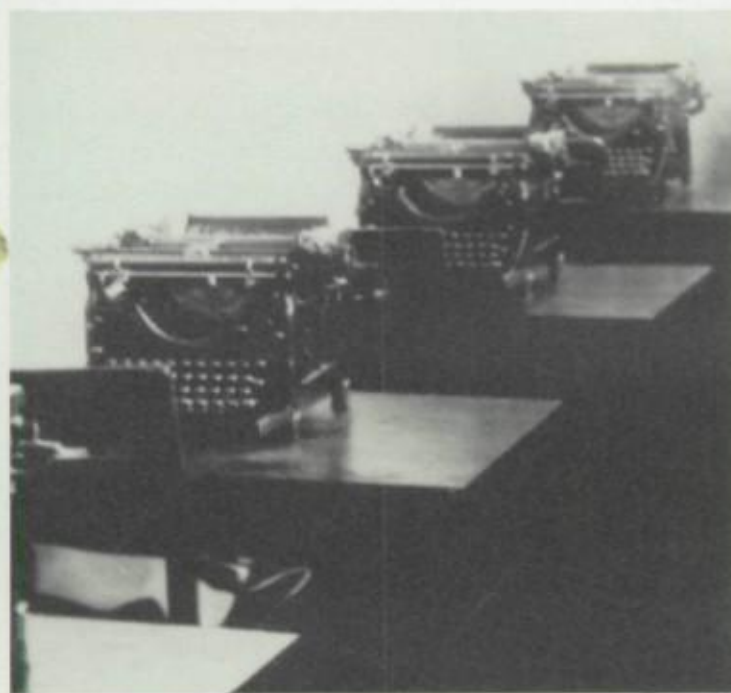
CLASS OF 1966

Tom Bush
Jim Deerpake
Bruce Eschmeyer
Nancy Fledderjohann
Harold Harrod
Ann Henkener
Connie Henschen
Greg Henschen
Douglas Hoelscher
Carol Hoge
Sara Hoge
John Howe
David Ireton
Nancy Jenkins
Neil Katterheinrich
Douglas Kuck

Sandy Kuck
Ted Lammers
Jerry LaWarre
Joe Leffel
Joyce Leffel
Betty Lisle
Rita Maurer
Marylou Meckstroth
Neil Meyer
Tom Nolte
Wayne Oelfke
John Opperman
Steve Piehl
Jim Preston
Joan Prueter
Joyce Prueter

Kendra Rodeheffer
Jack Schrolucke
Kent Schultz
David Schwabero
Donna Settlage
Donna Shellenberger
Linda Shriver
Jeff Shuster
Bill Stroh
Bill Sullivan
Ned Vordermark
John Vornholt
JoAnn Wierwille
Mitchell Wietholter





Left (opposite page), this picture of the second schoolhouse was taken in 1885. The school was located where the Hoge Brush Factory now stands. This building housed eight grades and later two years of high school. In 1915 this school was torn down and replaced by a new structure. **Top (this page)**, this is the new building with the gymnasium addition which was added in 1926. **Middle left**, in 1936 the first business class was held here and was taught by Mr. Roger Stauffer. Today this room stores art supplies. **Middle right**, in 1939 the first community-school library was founded. The library was funded by donations through the New Knoxville School Board and Sunday School Teachers Association of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The library was open daily for students and two afternoons and evenings for the public. Here librarian, Mrs. Selma Grewe, helps student librarians Ruth Schroer and Betty Kiefer look up information. **Right**, today the business room contains approximately 20 typewriters, many which are electronic. Here Brian Lammers, Kris Niemeyer and Tom Lepinski, students in business typing class, diligently work on perfecting their skills.

CLASS OF 1967

Susan Bush
Becky Doseck
Susan Eschmeyer
Tom Eversman
Dennis Fledderjohann
Ellen Fledderjohann
Donna Hegemier
Susan Henschen
Marsha Hoelscher
Roger Hoelscher
Connie Katterheinrich
Judy Kreitzer
Rodney Kruse
Karen Kruse
Mike Kuck
Susan Kuck
Phyllis McCune
Dan Metzger
Bill Meyer
Dennis Montgomery
Anita Niemeyer
Vicki Ott
Beth Schrolucke
Patty Settlege
Bill Shopp
Dave Shriver
Paul Stork
Wayne Warner
Kay Wellman
Mark Wellman
Fred Wierwille

CLASS OF 1968

Jocelle Bargdill
Rose Cline
Jane Elshoff
Bob Feldwisch
Peggy Frische
Dean Grimes
Rick Haberkamp
Dick Howe
Kendra Katterheinrich
Bob Kuck
Tom Leffel
Marilyn Lisle
Don Maurer
Connie McCullough
Dwain Meckstroth
Deborah Metzger
Julie Miller
Karen Miller
Deborah Morrow
Tom Murray
Steve Opperman
Janice Ott
June Preston
Jerry Price
Charlie Schaefer
Gary Schrolucke
Linda Settlege
Ted Settlege
Bill Shafer
Dale Shellenberger
Dennis Stroh

Students achieve



Top, each year students throughout school are chosen to take the Ohio Test of Scholastic Achievement in the spring. This year five students gained recognition in the Bowling Green District for outstanding achievement. **Row 1:** English 10 — Naomi Poling (fourth in district and honorable mention in the state) and Heather Wietholter. English 9 — Beth Lammers and Lori Barber (fourteenth in the district, honorable mention in the state). **Row 2:** English 12 — Julia Schroer (honorable mention in the district) and Laurie Wierwille. English 11 — Gregg Kuck and Dionna Hoelscher (fourteenth in the district). **Row 3:** American government — Sarah Novean, American history — Scott Hoelscher and Jeff Henschen. **Row 4:** Algebra I — Chad Wyatt (honorable mention in district), American history — John Reineke, Algebra I — Matt Gilfillen. **Row 5:** Algebra II — Ryan Egbert and Todd Kuck, Geometry — Jeff Lehman. **Row 6:** Physics — Patty Longworth, Advanced Math — Ann Homan. **Top right**, honor students are honored at the annual academic awards banquet. To be an honor student seniors must attain a 3.5; juniors, 3.6; sophomores, 3.7; freshmen, 3.8. **Row 1:** seniors Sherry Wright, Julia Schroer, Ann Homan, Sarah Novean; junior Gregg Kuck. **Row 2:** freshmen Lori Barber, Chad Wyatt, Matt Gilfillen; sophomores, Jodi Stroh and Naomi Poling. **Middle**, each nine weeks a student is chosen as student of the nine weeks in each subject. In the spring students of the year are chosen from that group. **Row 1:** Carrie Kuck, seventh grade; Ann Homan, music and home economics; Patty Longworth, art; Sarah Novean, physical education; Beth Heidt, eighth grade. **Row 2:** Julia Schroer, English and social studies, Brett Fledderjohann, vocational agriculture; Matt Gilfillen, math; Gregg Kuck, business; Duane Stienecker, industrial arts; Naomi Poling, science and German. **Bottom**, this year the Sesquicentennial Committee held contests for grades K-12. The contests centered around the 1986 Sesquicentennial year. Here Linda Kuck congratulates Carla Vicroy on her award-winning poster.



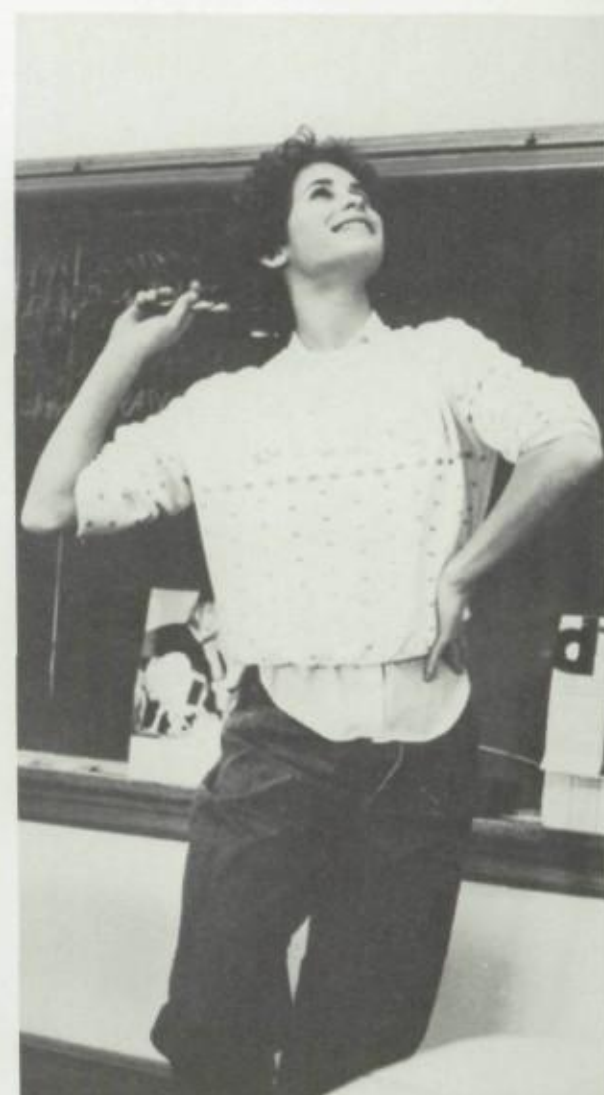
many different honors



Above, The 1985 Boys and Girls State delegates — Top: Ann Homan and Julia Schroer. Bottom: Scott McCabe and Doug Merges.

Above right, this year the Scholastic Bowl team participated at WOBC and were defeated by Ft. Recovery in a close battle. Sixteen other teams participated in the Bowl. Top: Gregg Kuck and Ann Homan. Bottom: Scott McCabe, Naomi Poling, Scott Hoelscher, Julia Schroer, John Reineke. Right, seniors Scott McCabe and Laurie Wierwille and juniors Dionna Hoelscher and Jeff Henschen were the high scorers in the American Legion Americanism test. Each fall the New Knoxville American Legion Post 444 administers the test to the juniors and seniors.





Top left, mirror, mirror on the wall who's the fairest of them all? Katie Kuck, an eighth grader, demonstrates her technique of putting on make-up during a Christmas interterm class. The make-up class, taught by Becky Longworth, a 1962 grad, was one of the many classes taught during Christmas interterm. **Top right,** "Look out Brooke Shields, here I come!" says Shannon Egbert as she poses during the modeling and make-up class held during Christmas interterm. The modeling techniques were taught by New York model, Cindy Skapura, a 1984 grad. **Middle left,** demonstrating her technique in flower arranging is senior Ann Homan. This Christmas interterm class was taught by 1983 alumnus Craig Schrolucke, a worker at Lawler's in St. Marys. For a small fee each class member was permitted to design a flower arrangement to keep. **Middle right,** in this scene from the play "King Thrushbeard" the pauper asks for the queen's daughter's hand in marriage. In April the students from Ohio Northern entertained the elementary students with the production. **Right,** "Tell me now!!" says the soldier as he threatens a worker from the palace in another scene from the play "King Thrushbeard."





Assemblies enrich learning

For years assemblies have been held to give students a chance to participate in an activity not covered in the day-to-day curriculum. Assemblies have always provided an excellent alternative to studies, and this year was no exception.

On October 17 an assembly for students in grades 9-12 featured Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser. A motivational speaker, Lautzenheiser spoke to the student body on realizing what potential they have, what advantages working together has, and how to develop themselves as individuals.

Lautzenheiser's main goal was to make the students feel good about themselves. He did this by supporting his theme "I am UP (Unlimited Potential)." Lautzenheiser used games such as "Simon Says," which was won by Matt Gabel. He also proved to the student body that they could work well together by dividing students into two teams, giving every student a secret number and then instructing the team to arrange themselves in numerical order. This may sound easy, but the students were not permitted to talk.

Christmas Interterm was another activity students in grade 7-12 were able to enjoy this year. The day before

Christmas break, students were able to take morning and afternoon classes. The classes were chosen by a survey in which students voted for classes which interested them.

Classes included Dating and Sex Education, Sports Psychology, Karate and Italian Cooking. Instructors consisted of teachers and people in the community and surrounding area who donated their time to provide students with knowledge.

In April elementary students were given the opportunity to view the play "King Thrushbeard" given by students from Ohio Northern University. The play contained three actors, though they played many different roles. The play centered around a spoiled princess who decides to judge people from the inside rather than the outside.

James Ramsey, under the auspices of the Ohio Arts Council, worked with grades K-7, teaching them folk dances during early May. He worked with Mrs. Mary Thornsberry, music director, and Mrs. Janice George, elementary physical education teacher. They showed off their talents on Grandparent's Day on May 9. Ramsay served both New Knoxville and Waynesfield schools.

By Tina Condon



Top left, "1, 2, 3, 4 . . ." counts Karen Scott from the Auglaize/Mercer Family Y. Karen was a volunteer for the Christmas interterm aerobics class. **Middle far left**, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser talked to student leaders at the afternoon session. He challenged class and club officers to lead the student body in positive activities. **Middle left**, folk singer Greg Jowaisas, the artist-in-residence at New Bremen and Minster schools, performs at an assembly for New Knoxville elementary students. **Middle right**, James Ramsey instructs a group of first, second and third graders in a folk dance which involves traveling under a bridge made by the other dancers. Ramsey's partner is Angie Kachelries. **Bottom**, it's obvious that junior Jon Wilkins has not yet learned to count as freshman Debbie Bambauer helps him out. Scott Schroer is apparently following his lead while Jeff Lehman has found his spot. The four participated at an assembly in October in a game designed by Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser.

Eighth graders keep busy in Washington

Four days, three days, two, one — finally the day of truth has come: the eighth grade trip to Washington. It's 7 p.m., May 4, and already a good handful of eighth graders has collected on the south side of school anxiously waiting for 7:30 to come. The usual practice used to fill in this time is checking to make sure everything is in order — once, twice, third time's the charm. There are at least five trips to the restroom.

The bus is loaded; role call is on. Laughing, chattering, and screaming fills the bus. At about 1:30 the ruckus ceases with only an occasional whisper or giggle. It's now 6:30 a.m., the fifth of May. Bodies struggle into McDonald's and return to a new bus revived and refreshed for the moment. After a long but enjoyable day of touring one after another point of interest, the group arrives at the coveted beds, bathroom, drawers, air conditioning and television. Some parties respond with cries of agony when they discover their room is not equipped with cable T.V., and their rivals down the hall possess and make use of their convenience.

The next morning the rooms are filled with chaos. Everyone is receiving

wake up calls from their trustworthy chaperones and trying to get ready for the exciting day which lies ahead. We meet at the bus and then we are under way to breakfast. We head to Arlington Cemetery. There are rows and rows of graves in Arlington, but the thing we all will most likely remember is the presen-

is filled with singing, dancing, tap dancing, and a lot of excitement. We all enjoy the dinner theater very much.

Up early again for the third time. We are all getting tired but we struggle out to the bus for another day in Washington, filled with excitement. We see the Library of Congress, the Supreme



tation to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Beth Heidt and Chad Thobe, the two students who represent our school. For lunch we take a subway to Crystal City and after that we visit the National Building where we see the original Constitution and Declaration of Independence. That night we tour the Washington Monument, which most everybody enjoys. When we are about ready to take the elevator down, we are told that our class is allowed to take the 898 steps down the monument. We see many stones and engravings on the walls of the monument on the way down. It is truly a great experience. Then it is back to the motel again and into the rooms for the night.

We are up early the next morning by a wake up call and out of the motel by about 7:30 a.m. Before we know it, after a day of touring things like Iwo Jima, National Geographic Building, Mt. Vernon (to which we take a boat) and one of the Smithsonian Buildings, we are back in the motel getting ready for the dinner theater in enough time to get seated and ready. Then we are called to get our food. After about an hour the musical **George M** begins. It Court Building, the Smithsonian and

many more things. We are starting the long journey home and we make it as far as Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Then we have a tour of Gettysburg battlefield, view the electric map, and see an interesting cyclorama. We eat dinner at Pizza Hut and then drive for an hour and a half to the Ramada Inn where we have a splashing pool party. That concludes the fourth day.

The last day is mostly spent on the bus traveling home where students have mixed feelings about returning to their hometown, New Knoxville. Some are excited to get home while others say they'd like to be in Washington another week. The seemingly endless bus ride is broken by a stop at Fallingwater where we see a house built over a waterfall and a stop at Fort Necessity which is so small some students name it "Fort Unnecessary." We also view a slide show and then we are on our way home. The bus ride is long but interesting with everyone using up their last bit of film taking pictures of the people who are sleeping.

Then we see Hoge's! We are home! We all had a great and exciting time in Washington, D.C., but it is sure nice to be home again!!

By Matt Lammers and Gina Lepinski



Above right, members of the eighth grade class and exchange students, Minna Vanhala and Rebecca Enriquez Lugo, pose in front of the Lincoln Memorial shortly after their arrival in Washington.

Above, Fourth District Congressman Michael Oxley discusses points of interest with eighth grade students and teachers Janice and Malvin George on the steps of the Capitol Building.

PEOPLE



Faculty

N.K. teachers



Board of Education — **Row 1:** Tom Fledderjohann, the longest serving member and the only member who is not an N.K. alumnus, has served for seven years and has served as president of the local organization as well as president to the Small School District Advisory Council. Eugene Opperman Jr., a six-year veteran of the school board, now serves as the president. **Row 2:** Gary Schrolucke, serving for three years, represents our school in the Ohio Small School District Advisory Council in Columbus and will be its president in 1986. Bruce Eschmeyer has served on the school board for six years and is vice-president. Ted Lammers has served on the board with Schrolucke for the same three years.

The New Knoxville school system has upheld a tradition of stability. Over half the faculty has been here for over 11 years with Mrs. Kuck and Mr. and Mrs. George leading with 23 years. Martin Rehmert, a 27-year veteran, started out as a vocational agriculture teacher, moved to principal and is now superintendent. Second-year principal, Mrs. Annett Kuck, has been at New Knoxville for 23 years. She received both her bachelors and masters from Bowling Green University. Judy Grimes and Marcia Wierwille work behind the scenes in the administrative and financial departments. Judy has worked for the school for seven years, and Marcia is in her first year after taking over in January for LaRue Schrolucke, who retired after years of service. Janice Schumacher has handled the school secretary's post for 12 years.

The cooks are also no strangers to New Knoxville. Sandy Curts, a '59 graduate, has been working on the lunches for 12 years. Eileen Fledderjohann has served with Curts for 12 years also. Marilee Eversman is experiencing her first year in the kitchen. However, she also helped to keep the school clean for the last 11 years along with Phyllis Schneider, six years. Harold Quickle, custodian, has traveled from St. Marys to work since August 1977.

Martin Rehmert
Superintendent



Annett Kuck
Principal



Judy Grimes
Secretary



Marcia Wierwille
Clerk/treasurer



Janice Schumacher
Secretary



Sandra Curts
Cook



Eileen Fledderjohann
Cook



Marilee Eversman
Cook/custodian



Jack Kuck
Bus driver



Beverly Fledderjohann
Bus driver



Judy Hoelscher
Bus driver



Sue Lehman
Bus driver



Faculty

uphold stability

Next comes the four people who probably have the earliest jobs, the bus drivers. Judy Hoelscher has been driving the bus for 13 years while Sue Lehman has been driving for four years. Jack Kuck has been taking his route for 18 years while Bev Fledderjohann has been driving for 13 years. The bus drivers not only transport students to and from school but also provide transportation to games and other extracurriculars.

The elementary and junior high teachers have earned bachelors from various universities. Ruth Kuck, Janice George, and Madeline Rodeheffer earned degrees from Ohio Northern University. Wright State has handed out degrees to Betty Hansbrough, Thelma Arnett, Kaye Wint and Ruth Henschen. Ohio State has given Deb Heil, Mary Bensman, Karen Meyer and Malvin George their degrees. Marna Katterheinrich received her degree from Bowling Green. There are several teachers that have furthered their education and have received masters — Betty Hansbrough, Ruth Kuck, Ruth Henschen and Thelma Arnett from Wright State and Janice George from Bowling Green.

By Sherry Wright



Karen Meyer helps the fifth grade in language and arts. She also teaches the sixth grade language and reading. Here, Mrs. Meyer helps the fifth graders with their spelling.



Phyllis Schneider
Custodian

Harold Quickle
Custodian

Mary Bensman
Kindergarten

Deborah Heil
First



Thelma Arnett
First and second

Madeline Rodeheffer
Second

Marlene Prenger
Third

Ruth Kuck
Fourth



Ruth Henschen
Fifth

Kaye Wint
Sixth

Betty Hansbrough
L.D.

Linda Niemeyer
Aide/librarian

Faculty

High school keeps up

The high school teachers have kept up with the elementary teachers in the degree area. Those receiving bachelors from Bowling Green include Evalyn Schultz, Mary Thornsberry, and Craig Bowsher. Wright State graduates include Joan Kentner, Chuck Rowen, Linda Yahl, and Greg Bornhorst. Joyce Titus graduated from Ohio State; Diana Farno, Miami; Steve Trout, Findlay College; Chuck Braden, Edenboro State and Janean Oberlander, Ohio University.

Those receiving masters are Joan Kentner, Diana Farno and Linda Yahl from Wright State; Chuck Rowen, University of Dayton; Craig Bowsher from Ball State and Chuck Braden from Youngstown State.

By Sherry Wright

Right, "Side out." Mr. Trout, athletic director, referees a volleyball game in last period gym class. **Far right,** "Ah so." Greg Bornhorst, science teacher, applauds the astute answer given by one of his students in class.



Marna Katterheinrich
Reading

Linda Yahl
Tutor

Janice George
Seventh

Malvin George
Eighth



Gregory Bornhorst
Science

Craig Bowsher
Industrial Arts

Charles Braden
Math

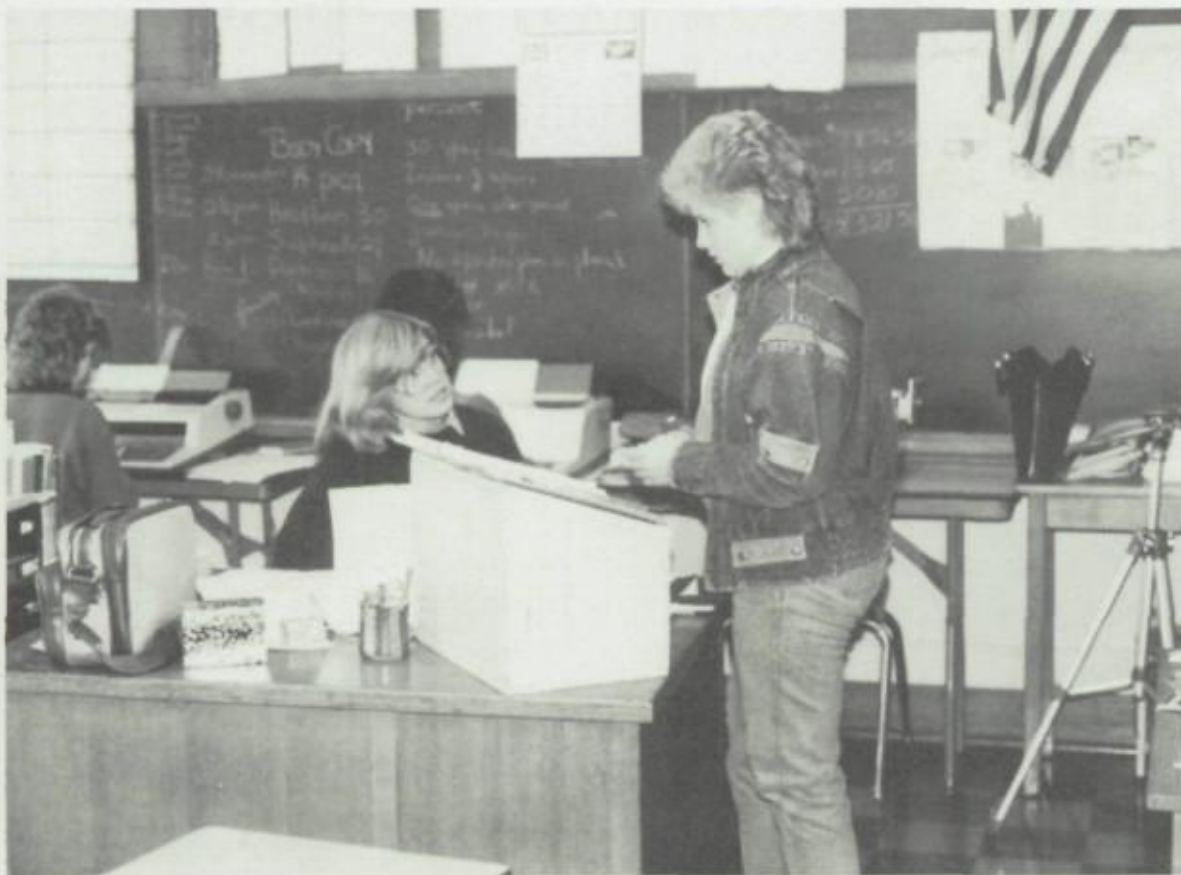
Cheryl Davis
German



Faculty



Far left, Mrs. Watkins, in her first year, teaches vo ag and is the adviser to the FFA. **Left**, Mrs. Titus, art and home economics teacher, goes over her lesson plans for the next week. Mrs. Titus is also the FHA adviser. **Bottom left**, "Do you understand?" Mrs. Oberlander helps Kelly Howe on her English 12 research paper. Mrs. Oberlander also advises the yearbook. **Below**, "Hey man. Chill out." Mr. Rowen is caught trying on his new wardrobe. Actually, the social studies teacher is just having fun wearing Steve Allen's attire.



Diana Farno
Guidance Counselor
Health/physical education



Joan Kentner
Librarian/English



Janean Oberlander
English



Charles Rowen
Social Studies



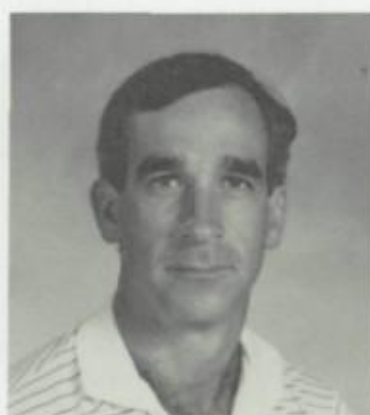
Evalyn Schultz
Business



Mary Thornsberry
Music



Joyce Titus
Art/Home Economics



Steve Trout
Phys. Ed./Athletic Dir.



Bonnie Watkins
Vocational Ag.

Education important to 1955 grad

Mrs. Annett Kuck graduated from and taught in New Knoxville School before becoming its principal last year. During her switch from a New Knoxville student to a New Knoxville teacher, she encountered both changes and difficulties.

"The biggest thing was to suddenly be a co-worker with someone that you had looked up to," reflected Mrs. Kuck. When she returned to New Knoxville as an elementary teacher, Mrs. Kuck joined a staff that included many of her own elementary teachers. "You just revered them so, and then you are suddenly put on an equal basis. You see their humanness and recognize them that way instead of as an awesome teacher," she remarked.

This role change was perhaps made more difficult by the extreme respect teachers received when Mrs. Kuck was a student. "You had complete respect and, underneath it all, some fear of teachers. They were all-powerful," stated Mrs. Kuck. "Any problem you got into at school, if that problem was shared at home, you knew which side your parents would be on — the teachers."

Mrs. Kuck does feel that the past teacher status was not totally good. "We were much too docile. We were too accepting as kids," she remarked. "However, the manner in which students today take to authority is where I say we must draw the line." Mrs. Kuck feels students have a right to voice a

disagreement or opinion when done through respectful channels. "We certainly do not want to raise a generation of puppets," she replied.

However, Mrs. Kuck feels that the teachers' image today has deteriorated too far. "Nobody has automatic respect for a teacher just because you're a teacher. Now you have to earn their respect," she remarked.

The final difference consisted of the teacher set-up. In elementary one teacher taught all subjects, excluding music, to her class. Fourth, fifth and sixth grades composed the only exception. "We split fifth grade, and one teacher, which happened to be my mother, was the fourth grade teacher, who had half of the fifth grade. The other teacher had sixth grade and the other half of the fifth grade," reflected Mrs. Kuck. Both teachers would teach certain subjects, such as spelling, reading and writing. Then the fifth graders would switch back and forth for the other subjects. The fourth grade teacher might teach math and social studies while the sixth grade teacher would teach English and science.

During Mrs. Kuck's high school years, students often had the same teacher for several subjects. Vo ag was the only full-time position. The math teacher taught industrial arts and some junior high classes. English was taught by the Latin and home ec teachers. Physical education was taught by the music mentor. Until her junior year,

even the superintendent and principal taught. The superintendent taught the business classes and coached basketball. The principal taught the science classes and coached basketball.

As she looked back, remembering the differences and changes, Mrs. Kuck recalled her first day of teaching. She had the honor of teaching New Knoxville's first kindergarten class. Unfortunately, having no predecessor for an example, she was unprepared. Her preparation was also affected by her teaching without a degree. She was recruited by the superintendent because of the teacher shortage.

"It was probably the most awful day of my life. It was terrible!" Mrs. Kuck exclaimed. "I can remember coming up here (the office) — at the end of a half day, mind you — and leaning on this counter, exhausted and saying, 'I know it was a mistake to ever think I wanted to be a teacher.'"

Mrs. Kuck had other experiences with that class. When the first fire drill occurred, the bell scared one child to the extent of his hiding under the table and refusing to come out. Although she was unable to finish the year because of illness, Mrs. Kuck taught the same class as fifth graders when she returned to teaching six years later.

Overall, Mrs. Kuck has enjoyed the different roles she's held. "It never seemed like a big deal. It all just happened so naturally," she claimed.

By Julia Schroer

CLASS OF 1969

Stephen Bargdill
Stephen Clark
Diane Doseck
Jolene Eschmeyer
Craig Fiedderjohann
Darrell Fiedderjohann
Larry Haberkamp
Carol Hoelscher
Connie Hoelscher
Deborah Hoelscher
Bruce Hoge
Rex Katterheinrich
Vicki Katterheinrich
Larry Kruse
Kurt Kuck
Susan Kuck

Karen Metzger
Gail Niemeyer
Carol Ott
Deborah Petry
Judy Piehl
William Piehl
Ann Prueter
Ted Prueter
Micheale Preston
Marsha Randall
Dawn Roettger
Ted Rupert
Lois Schwabero
David Wellman
Ned Wellman
Nelson Wietholter



Mrs. Annett Kuck already had hopes of becoming a teacher when this picture of her first grade class was taken in 1943. **Row 1:** Donald Heidt, Dean Hoge, Robert Deerhake, Wayne Bambauer, Paul Katterheinrich. **Row 2:** Janice Eversman, Marilee Settlage, Wanda Bambauer, Ruth Warner. **Row 3:** Violet Dudgeon, Joyce Froning, Paul Ott, Larry Clausing, Lee Clausing, Ronald Kuck, Annett Aufderhaar, Nancy Haberkamp. First Grade Teacher: Caroline Holtkamp.

CLASS OF 1970

Esther Bailey
Paul Bambauer
Dan Burden
Stan Chalk
Sylvia Cline
Linda Coats
Mike Ellenwood
David Feldwisch
Jay Fledderjohann
Paul Fledderjohann
Pam Grimes
Susan George
Dan Hegemier
Jennie Hoelscher
Sharon Hoelscher
Dennis Katterheinrich
Nancy Katterheinrich
Sally Katterheinrich
Tom Katterheinrich
Bonnie Kuck
Charles Kuck
Jackie Kuck
Ted Kuck
Patricia Lammers
Paul Maurer
Patricia Meyer
Susan Miller
Marie Murray
Reid Niemeyer
Fred Piehl
Wayne Ruff
Janice Settlage
Ronald Stienecker
Scott Stienecker
Kristine Stroh
Richard Titus
Lee Wellman
Richard Wessel

CLASS OF 1971

Guy Clark
David Dennis
Karen Dubois
Mary Fledderjohann
Mark George
Bob Harrod
Jesse Hegemier
Patsy Hendricks
Barbara Henkener
Jeff Henschen
Stephen Henschen
Peggy Hoelscher
Dennis Hoge
Pam Horstman
Keith Howe
David Katterheinrich
Deb Katterheinrich
Tom Katterheinrich
Brenda Kattman
Barb Kruse
Kathy Kruse
Ron Kruse
Cindy Kuck
Paul McCullough
Steve Prueter
Vicki Randall
Cindy Rodeheffer
Gale Sager
Ron Scheer
Mark Schwabero
John Settlage
Jane Shafer
Ted Shopp
Rita Smothers
John Wellman

Thieman loved everyday for 39 yrs.

One year of training, a few courses at summer school, and some classes at night school — this is how Mrs. Ariminta Thieman received her teaching certificate.

Mrs. Thieman taught school for a total of 39 years. Mrs. Thieman helped students learn at the Cloverleaf one-room schoolhouse, Cridersville School, and New Bremen School before being forced to retire. Back then married women were not allowed to teach.

When her husband passed away, she took up teaching again. This was in 1942, the same year she started teaching here at New Knoxville. She took over Edith Katterheinrich's job of teaching the second grade. She was here until 1965.

Teaching second grade was not all work. Back then, like now, students enjoyed periods of recess. Mrs. Thieman loved playing games such as drop

the handkerchief, prison base and tomball with the children.

Mrs. Thieman taught here with some of our present teachers. She had the privilege of being a member of the faculty with Malvin and Janice George, Joyce Titus and Evalyn Schultz. Mrs. Thieman also taught with Mrs. Mildred Aufderhaar, the mother of the principal, Annett Kuck. Janean Oberlander, another faculty member, and Linda Niemeyer, educational aide, also had the privilege of being her some of her students.

She not only taught present teachers, but also taught present school board members Gary Schrolucke, Eugene Opperman Jr., Bruce Eschmeyer and Ted Lammers were also members of the second grade class when she was the mentor.

By Gregg Kuck

Miss Edna recalls career

Three years at New Knoxville H.S., the fourth year at Wapakoneta H.S. and one year at the Auglaize County Normal School in Wapakoneta was all it took for Edna Katterheinrich to receive her teaching certificate. The 1920 New Knoxville graduate also went to school several summers for six to twelve weeks to receive more education and eventually received her life certificate.

Katterheinrich recalled teaching in the old school houses. "We were our own janitor, and we had to build a fire in the pot belly stove. At night we had to bank the stove so it would be warm and easy to start in the morning."

During the spring and fall the students and their teacher would always go outside and play baseball. Miss Edna would be the coach. Two country

schools would get together every Friday afternoon and play baseball against one another. In the winter the students played fox and geese.

Katterheinrich started her teaching career in 1922 when she taught at the Silver Maple School House located three and a half miles southeast of New Knoxville. Later she moved her teaching career to Chapel School, which is about three miles north of New Knoxville. From 1934-1938, she taught in what is now Hoge Brush. In 1938 she started teaching third grade in the present school until her retirement in May of 1971.

"I just wanted to quit rushing around, and I have taught long enough," said Katterheinrich after 49 years of teaching.

By Todd Kuck



Left, this photo of the Chapel School, where Miss Edna Katterheinrich once taught, was taken in 1985.

Class of 1972

Cindy Allen
Deb Chalk
Lloyd Dobbs
Kathy Doseck
Dan Fledderjohann
Neal Fledderjohann
Monica Gabel
Ann Graessle
Dean Haberkamp
Cynthia Hoelscher
Tom Horstman
Connie Ireton
Mary Jones
Anita Katterheinrich
Bob Kruse
Gary Kuck
Jay Kuck
Mary Miller
Tim Miller
Kenny Nuss
Tim Settlage
Karen Shopp
Luann Shriver
Deb Smothers
Kirk Stienecker
Jeff Titus
Mary Wellman
Ed Worthman
Pam Wright
Ed Zwiep

Class of 1973

Cecilia Bayham
Paul Bonifas
Gyla Clark
Janet Coats
Nancy Dennis
Scott Dunlap
Bruce Elsass
Barb Eschmeyer
Paul George
Tim Hegemier
Mark Henschen
Angela Hirschfeld
Jann Hoge
Mark Howe
Gary Kattman
Mike Kittel
Kathy Kuck
Dave Lauth
Cassie Meckstroth
Mark Metzger
Patrick Meyer
Lorie Niemeyer
Karla Opperman
Robert Ott
Linda Petry
Julie Piehl
Chuck Reier
Matt Reier
Terry Roode
Monica Settlage
Allen Spring
Rena Spring
Patty Thobe
Kendra Wellman
Laureen Wessel
Cathy Wierwille
John Wierwille
Teresa Wright

'41 grad remembers old school

For 1941 graduate, Evelyn (Harmeyer) Grimes, one of the highlights of her high school career was a summer event. In 1938, the 4-H club went to state for Parliamentary Procedure Skills competition. Joining Grimes on the team were Margaret (Beickman) Henschen, Lillian (Henschen) Schrock, Jean (Kohler) Keel and Marian (Henschen) Elshoff.

Evelyn also remembers her fifth grade teacher, Mr. Fred Grewe whose nickname for her was "Evelynkin, Evelynkin, Harmeyer's kin kin." Since Evelyn's father was a carpenter-contractor who built many schools, churches and homes, Mr. Grewe asked Evelyn ques-

tions about carpentry. Most of the time Evelyn relied on Carl Warner for the answers. Looking back to her school days, Evelyn tells about their lunches and recesses. The Hoge Brush school did not have a cafeteria so the students had to eat their home-packed lunches in their classrooms. Their recesses consisted of a block-long walk east on South Street to an open field.

Evelyn also remembers when the majority of the students sang in Mr. Ferd Eversman's chorus class. "It was the biggest class in school." She also recalls that Mr. Joseph DuPere started the first band in 1938.

By Lisa Grimes



The chorus of '51, pictured above, presented a spring concert to a large, appreciative audience in the school auditorium and performed at the Auglaize Fairgrounds, too. The first semester was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Eversman and the second semester was guided by Mrs. Kathryn Patterson.

Kuck recalls penant wars and Latin

"Penant wars were one of the big things when I was in high school," said Howard Kuck, a member of the Class of 1928. Each class had its own penant. One day one class hung its penant from the flagpole and another class threatened to take it down and keep it. From then on classes were after other classes' penants.

Howard knew his wife in high school. "We had ink wells in our desks. The well contained a lever on the side to control the level of ink. I was sitting behind Olga, and she had a real nice yellow jersey dress on. I was playing around with the lever, and it slipped. The ink went all over, including on Olga's dress. Luckily Olga got the ink

out, with the help of her mother, and the dress and I were saved," said Kuck.

At that time August Shaad was the Latin teacher. Every morning Mr. Shaad walked into the room and said, "Good morning, my rosy-cheeked youngsters." Mr. Shaad would also take the Latin students to the lake and would rent a cabin and have a Latin breakfast. "I was an A student with Mr. Shaad; then came Mrs. Fledderjohann. The class learned what Latin was really about," said Howard.

Howard worked on a farm for six years and then at Hoge Lumber for 40 years. He is now retired.

By Sherry Wright

Kindergarten has 100th Day Party

In the beginning of the year, students learned about their five senses. In the learning of these, the children had a tasting party, in which they tasted foods that were sour, sweet, salty and bitter, and feeling parties, where they would feel different objects with their feet. The students used smelling jars and learned to smell things scientifically.

One big day for the kindergarten is their 100th Day party. This starts at the beginning of the year with the students learning to count to 100 and counting each day until the 100th day, at which point they have a party. At this party they made butter and doughnuts and got used to counting and seeing objects in groups of 100.



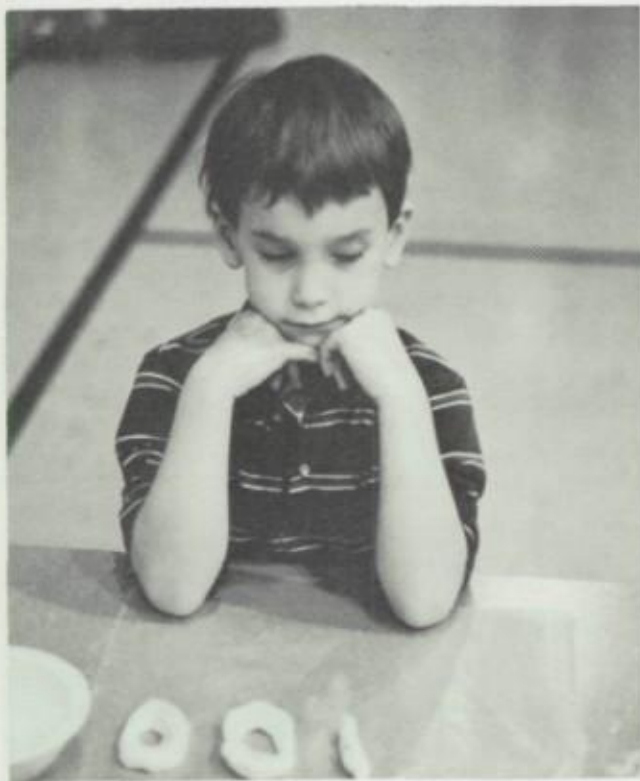
Byron Blake
David Bruner
Jeannette Corrodi



Amy Fledderjohnn
Jessica Hegemier
Debra Homan



Far left, Billy Winegarner looks at the 100 he made with doughnuts at the 100 Day Party. **Above,** Although the rest of the school did not celebrate Halloween by dressing up this year, the kindergarten still did. **Row 1:** Jennifer Deck, Jill Settlage, Lisa Kruse, Brian McCullough, Amy Fledderjohnn. **Row 2:** Brian Plain, David Meyer, Jim Wellman, Debra Homan, Jeannette Corrodi, Brad Vicroy.



Luke Katterheinrich
Lisa Kruse
Brian McCullough
David Meyer
Matthew Ott
Brian Plain



Luke Rodeheffer
Jill Settlage
Brad Vicroy
Michelle Vorhes
James Wellman
Billy Winegarner

Kindergarten

Kelly Arnett
Aaron Brown
Michael Chalk
Kelli Clark



On agenda — zoo and nutrition

Nutrition was studied by the kindergartners along with learning about keeping their hearts and bodies healthy. In helping with this the Home Ec I class gave a presentation to the students on the importance of good nutrition.

One of the biggest highlights of the year had to be the trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo.

The major learning experience in kindergarten, according to teacher Mary Bensman, was learning to deal with others as well as learning to become more independent thinkers.



Anthony Deerhake
Jenny Fledderjohann
Joel Hill
Janelle Homan



Michelle Kittle
Brandon Lora



Keith Meckstroth
Jerry Mertz



Shelly Naseman
John Poling
Jason Quillen
Nick Schroer



Kelli Tobens
Jason Vordermark
Laura Waugh
Kim Wierwille



Above, Keith Meckstroth tells his classmates about his old fashioned wooden blocks on Old-Fashioned Day, a part of Right to Read Week.

Above far right, kindergartner Jenny Fledderjohann portrays a teacher in the olden days on Old-Fashioned Dress-Up Day. **Right,** Brandon Lora raises his hand to be chosen next to tell about his item while Jerry Mertz and Nick Schroer wait for their turn on Old-Fashioned Dress-Up Day.



First graders make class quilt

This year's first grade class created a quilt. Each class member brought in a scrap of material that had to be something of theirs when they were little. They then constructed all of the material into a class quilt.

The class also played an active role in Right to Read Week in March. Members of the class took turns reading to high schoolers. Said teacher Miss Deb Heil, "They loved it!"



Above, Carrie Kuck, a seventh grade aide, helps Vanessa Winegarner write about something her mom made from cloth before the first graders make their quilt. Heidi Barber and Michael Varno listen in. **Right,** James Henschen, Adam Stienecker, Brook Braden and Heidi Barber admire the quilt they and their classmates have put together.



Brook Braden
David Burton
Heidi Barber



David Chalk
Christina Cleland
Andrew Fledderjohann



Darrel Gross
Amy Heidt
Luke Hegemier
James Henschen
Keith Hoelscher
Jill Klopfenstein



Timothy Nolte
Adam Stienecker
Melissa Thompson
Michael Varno



Stacey Vorhes
Sandra Wessel
Vanessa Winegarner

First-Second

Split grade uses looms & computers

This was the second year for the split class of first and second graders. This class is composed of children who work better independently.

The class this year worked in many different areas. They polished their writing skills by writing short stories. Computers were another exciting area

the children enjoyed. Toward the end of the year, they added logos to the computer. A small loom was incorporated into the classroom, and later the children were taught the art of weaving.

By Tina Condon

Right, John Meyer works hard at getting a computer education at an early age. **Below left**, Julie Leffel confidently poses for the camera while classmate Joshua Hicks turns away with second thoughts. **Below right**, Brian Krue observes Jeffrey Fledderjohann's diligent coloring.



Grade 1

Katrina Drinkwine
Jeffrey Eschmeyer
Ryan Grew
Brian Kruse
Jennifer Lehman
Joshua Quellhorst



Grade 2

Emily Gabel
Josh Hicks
Brenda Homan
Ryan Jurosic
Julie Leffel
Danielle Lloyd



John Meyer
Sarah Settlage
Joshua Spieles
Laura Tobens
Jack Wellman



Second grade

Second graders find adventure

The second grade class under the direction of Mrs. Madeline Rodeheffer was kept very busy this year.

They not only traveled to Dayton to the Museum of Natural History, but they also visited Mexico and outer space right in their own classroom.

Studying about Mexico took up a lot of the students' time this fall. They learned about different customs and a whole new way of life. While studying about this foreign land, they held their own little party in which the kids tried and succeeded in breaking a pinata. **Right,** James Nixon observes while Hank Stepleton attempts to break the pinata.

The students did not actually travel to outer space; however, they performed a play about creatures from another planet who were learning to read and to enjoy library books. This performance was held for the other elementary classes. **Below,** Grant Clarke, Scott Maurer, Julia Corrodi and Olivia Haggard dress as Venusians from Venus.

Julie Katterheinrich



Grant Clarke
Julia Corrodi
Greg Elshoff
Olivia Haggard



Bryan Henschen
Joyce Homan
Kathryn Howe
Kathryn Jay



Kelli Jones
Greg Keys



Kevin Kruse
Leah Martindale



Scott Maurer
Bob Mertz
James Nixon
Jill Olthouse



Kevin Overley
Alicia Piehl
Mary Poling
Deanita Prater



Rachel Ritter
Traci Russell
Damien Sias



Hank Stepleton
Gregory Varno
Pamela Vordermark

Smooth sailing for third grade

The 1985-1986 school year served as Mrs. Prenger's first teaching year at NK. "Because it's the first year, I haven't planned too much extra," she commented. One extra activity she did plan was a field trip to Carillon Park in Dayton on May 2. They went on a Pioneer Ohio tour and had a picnic.

The third graders participated in an old-fashioned day, made posters for the Sesquicentennial Youth Contest and kept journals. They also wrote book reports. "Since they read so much for Right to Read Week, everyone was able to come up with an illustration or synopsis," Prenger noted.

Dionna Hoelscher



Above, Nick Piehl and Benjamin Wibbeler enjoy wrestling during their recess. **Right,** Mandy Bambauer dresses up as Ronald Reagan at the Fourth of July activities.



Johnnie Anderson
Amanda Bambauer
Jarrod Bower
Jacob Bunner



Elizabeth Burton
Theresa Chalk
Amanda Deerhake
Shane Hardin
Sarah Henschen
Susan Henschen



Kimberly Hirschfeld
Erin Hoelscher
Frank Homan
Lisa Homan
Angela Kachelries
Sarah Katterheinrich



Blair Lammers
Angela March
Ann Mertz
Amy Meyer
Stacie Niemeyer
Tiffany Oberlander



Nick Piehl
Brian Prater
Rachel Quillen
Gary Truman
Lisa Waugh
Benjamin Wibbeler



Fourth grade busy with posters

Ruth Kuck's fourth grade has been busy with several activities this year.

At Christmastime, the students read plays to grades 1, 2 and 3. They were also given the chance to compete in a dental health poster contest. Jenny Wellman won first place in the county and went on to compete at the district level.

Another poster contest the students entered was the Sesquicentennial Youth Poster Contest. In support of the Sesquicentennial celebration, Mrs. Kuck made this a requirement. This went on their social studies grade and was pertinent at that time because they were studying pioneer life.

The fourth grade planned to take two field trips — one to the Friendly Ice Cream plant in Troy and the other to the Johnston farm in the Piqua area.

By Dionna Hoelscher



Ryan Anderson
Nikki Buschur
Todd Elshoff
Hart Fledderjohann



Poncheena Hecht
Randall Hirschfield
Michele Hoelscher
Scott Jarrells



Left, Joseph Lammers and Luke Schrolucke try to impersonate "He Man" during one of their many recesses.



Nathan Jurosic
David Kachelries
Tina Kittel
Joseph Lammers
Scott Merricle



Amy Meyer
Amanda Piehl
Luke Schrolucke
Ryan Tinnerman
Gavin Tokash



Ramona Truman
Carla Vicroy
Nathan Webb
Jennifer Wellman
Kristina Wierwille

Fifth grade

Rachel Bishop
Joe Bower
Shannen Braden



5th goes to COSI

The fifth graders studied the U.S. and its history. The pupils made movies on the story of cotton, maps on the underground railroad and compared old machinery to new.

The students visited COSI in Columbus and viewed a presentation called

"Turning Back Time."

The students studied the five senses in health. A part of the course was to trace their bodies and fill in the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems. Pictured at right, Rodney Kuck traces Woody Piehl as part of this project.

By Sherry Wright

James Burton
Mandy Condon
Catherine DePaola
Joshua Egbert
Evan Eschmeyer
Daniel Gilfillen



Tanya Grimes
Joseph Hecht
Brett Hicks
Bregette Hill
Gwendolyn Homan
Heather Howe



Jason Katterheinrich
Betsy Kruse
Jason Kuck
John Kuck
Rodney Kuck
Jack Leffel



Diana Mertz
Clarissa Murdza
Chris Pfenning
Woodrow Piehl
Ronald Reineke
Travis Rupert



Christine Schrolucke
Steven Shupp
Sheila Speckman
David Tinnerman
Joshua Wibbeler
Janel Winegarner



Sixth grade

6th studies world

The sixth graders were really busy this year. They held their annual sixth grade dance on November 2 and decorated the gym in orange and black. They also enjoyed a field trip to the Dayton Air Force Museum.

The students were busy in the classroom also. They studied foreign countries; attempted Chinese writings, fractions and decimals; and created fossils.

The pupils planned several things for Right to Read Week. They reported on famous Ohioans and brought the reports to other classrooms for them to peruse.

By Sherry Wright



Timothy Alexander
Cindy Clune
Emily Egbert



Toby Hardin
Larry Hecht
Elizabeth Hoelscher



Left, Ben Schrolucke helps himself to another piece of food at the sixth graders "County Fair." The sixth graders judged each other's food and they decided it was all so good that they were all winners. **Above left**, Jenny Leffel learns the basics of a lifetime sport, tennis, in Mrs. George's gym class. **Above right**, Cindy Clune prepares to sample various goods at the sixth graders "County Fair" while Jason Metzger already has a mouthful. The fair was held as part of a unit on nutrition and nutritious foods.



Rachel Katterheinrich
Trisha Keys
Kevin Lammers
Jennifer Leffel
Jason Metzger



Jackson Prater
Mark Prueter
Max Schlueter
Ben Schrolucke
Sherry Sias



Michelle Vicroy
Rebecca Wessel
Gregory Wietholter
Mary Lemke

Seventh grade

Melissa Alexander
Candida DePaola
Chad Elshoff



Kort Fledderjohann
Dorothy Hicks
Caroline Kuck



Ready for capital

The seventh grade class prepared for next year's trip to the national capital by touring the Ohio Historical Museum in Columbus.

The class also learned the aspects of banking. They were taught how to write checks and keep an account.

President for the seventh grade was Candida DePaola; vice president, Amy Leffel; secretary, Carrie Kuck; treasurer, Jodi Wyatt and Student Council representative, Samantha Merges.

By Jeff Henschen



Above, Jodi Wyatt, Darlene Sumpter, Lori Piehl and Samantha Merges enjoy taking their first year of art from Mrs. Titus. The seventh graders took art for the first semester every day and then they participated in gym for the second semester. **Right,** "No! You can't have it, It's mine!" Matt Schrolucke fights for the ball against a Coldwater player. The Rangers suffered a tough loss, 37-33.



Amy Leffel
Jon Lepinski
Samantha Merges
Scott Neace
Lori Piehl
Darlene Rupert



Jennifer Schafer
Matthew Schrolucke
David Shupp
Michelle Sias
Jeffrey Speckman
Samantha Stepleton



Eric Stroh
Darlene Sumpter
Ian Tokash
Jodi Wyatt
Christopher Lemke
Richard Maurer



Eighth grade

8th goes dancing

The eighth graders are taught by the husband and wife team of Malvin and Janice George. The eighth grade added one thing new to the schedule this year. They now have physical education every day for one semester. The second semester they have art every day during the same time period.

Another new idea is the contemporary history books which each student makes with newspaper clippings. The clippings must be of major historical events of today.

In addition to their academic efforts, the eighth graders enjoy fun and games, or in their case, fun and dances. During the fall the eighth graders hosted an initiation dance for the seventh graders. The disc jockeys for the dance were Tom Lepinski and Rick Neuman. On May 10 the seventh grade hosted a mini prom for the eighth graders.

By Rick Neuman



Daniel Bader
Deana Bower
Jason Briscoe



Terry Clune
Matt Condon
Shannon Egbert



Left, Selby Webb, Katie Kuck, Angie Schrolucke and Shannon Egbert are caught enjoying the Homecoming dance, Go Hawaiian. It was the first time ever that eighth graders were allowed to attend the high school dance.



Beth Heidt
Fred Homan
Barry Kuck
Katie Kuck
Matt Lammers
Brent Lauth



Gina Lepinski
Rob Merricle
Sandra Method
Gregory Metzger
Darin Schroeder
Kyle Schroer



Angela Schrolucke
Chad Thobe
Sheila Thompson
Stacy Tinnerman
Shelby Webb
Scott Welch



Jennifer Wessel
Ralph Wierwille

Freshmen

Daniel Allen
Deborah Bambauer
Loralie Barber
Daniel Bower
Antonieta DePaola
Rebecca Franks



Eric Gabel
Matthew Gilfillen
Kimberly Hardin
Tracy Hengsteler



Michael Henschen



Matthew Hoelscher



Jennifer Horstman



Victoria Jay



Jason Kern



Top right, Jenny Horstman and Debbie Bambauer discuss the latest romances at the "Go Hawaiian" Homecoming dance. **Top left,** if you like to talk or pretend or if your life-long dream is to be on the **Guiding Light**, drama is the thing for you. Nikki Marsh, Donna Kuck and RaeSonya Storer practice a voice warm-up.

Being a freshmen is . . .

"... a new experience. You are getting pushed around everywhere and are always at the end of the line. But it's a lot of fun, and you get to know everyone a lot better." Jenny Horstman

"... better than an eighth grader but not as great as a senior!" Debbie Bambauer

"... a totally different experience from junior high, mostly because you learn an appreciation for the other students around you." Denys Shupp

"... like starting a whole batch of cookies all over again. I made it through junior high, but now I have to start all over again." Beth Lamers

"... like being a punching bag or a nut that doesn't fit." Dan Bower.

"... like being a human target." Rebecca Franks

"... like being a little brother or sister. When you're walking down the hall a senior might say carry my books or pick up that piece of paper. When you're in eighth grade, you just want that year to get over with so you can be in high school. But when you finally get to be a freshman, you want to become a sophomore as fast as possible." Daniel Allen

"... very exciting. You get to do a lot of things that you couldn't do in junior high." RaeSonya Storer "... like starting at the bottom and working your way to the top. It's someone that will move to let the junior and senior in front." Eric Gabel



Donna Kuck
Beth Lammers
Jeffrey Lehman
Nikki Marsh
Timothy Overley
Angela Robinson



Allen Schroer
Scott Schroer
Justin Schrolucke
Denys Shupp



RaeSonya Storer



Amy Thompson



Chris Tinnerman



Lisa Wibbeler



Chad Wyatt



Top, Chad Wyatt and Gina Lepinski sit this one out as they enjoy the homecoming dance. **Far left**, Amy Thompson was involved in the modeling class during the Christmas Interterm taught by Cindy Skapura, who is now a model in New York. **Left**, Daniel Allen throws the discus at the Fourth of July track and field competitions.

Sophomores

Michael Allen
Darrell Cummins
Joe DePaola
Shawn Egbert
Jennifer Eldridge
Brett Fledderjohann



Christa Henschen
Kipp Katterheinrich
Philip Kuck
Mark Lageman



Brian Lammers



Jill Leffel



Thomas Lepinski



Laurie Merges



Top, Mark Lageman gets his enjoyment and laughter playing ping-pong at the Christmas Interterm held two days before Christmas break. **Far right**, Jill Leffel goes up, determined to make the basket against a Coldwater defender. Leffel lead the junior varsity to an exciting upset victory over Coldwater. **Right**, Laurie Merges and Philip Kuck give a thumbs up to the enjoyment at the "Go Hawaiian" homecoming dance sponsored by the Student Council.



Kristine Niemeyer
Michael Novean
Naomi Poling
Neal Ray
Laura Robinson
Jeffrey Schafer



Julie Schroer
Terry Shupp
Duane Stienecker
Jodi Stroh



Matthew Tester



Tori Webb



Heather Wietholter



Mary Curry

New Knoxville School rings, adopted in 1970, still popular

The most thrilling moment for most sophomores is the day the class rings arrive. For years the class would vote on which style of ring to purchase. In 1970 the Student Council selected the present style of ring, which was designed by Martin and Barbara Rehmert, as New Knoxville's school ring.

The crest of the ring is the symbol used throughout the years on athletic uniforms and sweatshirts. The NK is found on the shank of the ring designated for athletics along with the word Rangers. Two buckeye leaves represent the state of Ohio.

The other shank consists of five parts. The year of graduation is located at the top of the shank along with the torch of education. A cross denoting religion in the community

is found on the left side of the shank and a wheat shock is found on the right side which represents agriculture as the main enterprise of the community. The lower portion of the shank consists of two bees and three hearts, denoting the German heritage of New Knoxville.

Even though the Student Council selected this style, students may still prefer to replace one or both of the shanks with a different design. One may choose from a National Honor Society shank, any type of sports shank, or even shanks with band instruments. No matter what design one purchases, he still has the pride of wearing a New Knoxville School ring.

By Gregg Kuck

Top left, "I just can't wait to get that ring." Mike Novean eagerly accepts his class ring from the Jostens' representative. **Top right**, Bill and Edythe Henschen are the proud parents of cross country runner Christa. The annual Parents' Night was held for the volleyball players and cross country runners in November.

Juniors

Steve Allen
Angela Arnett
Tina Condon
Jay Cummins
Ryan Egbert
Matthew Gabel



Linda Grant
Lisa Grimes
Jodi Hardin
Jeffrey Henschen



Dionna Hoelscher



Scott Hoelscher



Allen Homan



Top, here sits Jeff, alone in the gym dreaming of a Ranger win. Actually Jeff Henschen sits down for a treat while cheering for the girls' basketball team. **Left**, Angie Prichard concentrates heavily on her homework for Home Economics III and IV. The class enjoys doing many projects dealing with money management, home furnishings, entertaining, child development, family living and foreign cooking. **Above**, "My name is Jeff; I'm the coach's son," begins junior starter Jeff Henschen as he practices his lines for the Ranger Shuffle. Meanwhile other varsity players — Allen Homan, Ryan Egbert and Jerry Lehman — intently study their lines. Patterned after the world champion Chicago Bears' Super Bowl Shuffle, the Ranger Shuffle was performed by the varsity players at a pep rally prior to the St. Henry game.



Catherine Horstman
Timothy Jarrells
Gregg Kuck
Todd Kuck
Jerry Lehman
Richard Neuman



Sheila Prater
Angela Prichard
Lisa Scheblo
Matthew Schneider



Jenette Schumacher



Jon Wilkins

Juniors pass goal

"Money . . . Money . . . Money . . . We want to go to New York!" This is usually a typical quote by a senior getting every last penny together to make a fulfilling trip. Unlike other classes in the past, however, this year's juniors spent their last penny on the Prom.

The policy was changed a few years ago that the eighth grade class was to take a trip to Washington, D.C. instead of going on the traditional senior class trip to New York. The Class of '87 was the first class to be able to spend most of their money for Prom.

The money-making project for the Junior Class has always been the magazine sales. This turned out to be an extremely successful campaign. In the beginning the class set a goal of \$4000. They surpassed this goal by making over \$4850.

Jeff Henschen was awarded a telephone/clock radio for being top salesman by selling 72 magazines which totalled close to \$1000. Second place went to Jenette Schumacher, who sold over \$600, followed by Todd Kuck with over \$500. The students received several other interesting prizes which included key rings, buttons, '87 class mugs and records and tapes.

In order to cut down on After Prom

expenses for the students, the junior parents formed an organization, Parents After Prom, whose goal was to raise money for the post-Prom activity. An original plan to hold a donkey basketball game was nixed when the owner of the game sold the donkeys.

PAP then tried a less painful project — NKHS sweatshirt sales.

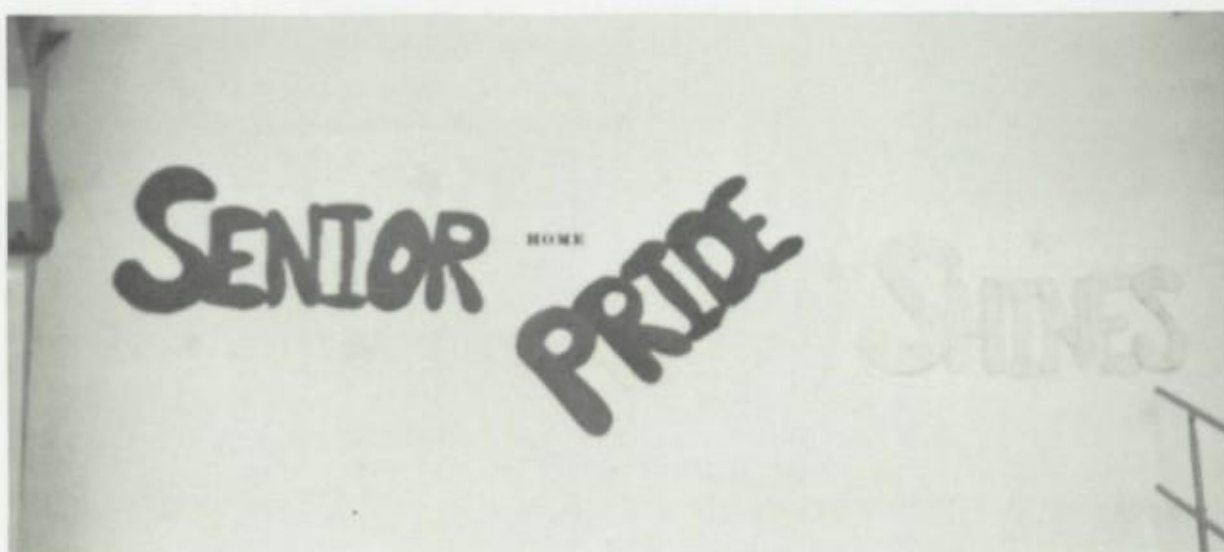
The class was guided by their class officers consisting of president, Jerry Lehman; vice president, Angie Arnett; secretary, Tina Condon and treasurer, Matt Gabel.

By Patty Longworth



Top left, Rick Neuman along with other students helped out the Student Council in decorating a Christmas tree which was given to the school. Students were then asked to bring in decorations. **Bottom left,** Dionna Hoelscher models the wildest outfit that she has, complemented with buttons, wrist bands and glasses. Dionna was one of many students who dressed up for "Beat St. Henry Day," one of the highlights of Spirit Week, sponsored by the Pep Club.

It's a senior year they'll never forget



Top left, Ann Homan cheers on her favorite team, the Rangers. Ann and many other fans traveled to Rockford to cheer on the boys against St. Henry in the sectional finals. **Top right,** "Pucker up, babe." John Reineke demonstrates CPR on the Resusci Annie while his senior friends, Kelly Howe, Sarah Novean, Sherry Wright, Julie Katterheinrich, Keith Leffel and Jill Schroeder, enjoy watching. CPR is required for the seniors to graduate. **Center left,** "Senior Pride Shines" is only one of the signs the class made for the decorating contest sponsored by the Pep Club. The seniors won a \$10 prize for first place. "Macho man," Bart Howe benches 120 pounds in first period gym class. **Center right,** Julia Schroer, three-year member of the National Honor Society, leads the way in the induction ceremonies. Six people were inducted into the NHS in January. **Bottom left,** the seniors "do something totally absurd" at a pep rally held before one of the boys' basketball games. The cheer was designed for each class to do its own absurd thing.

SENIORS



David Eugene Cleland

MAJORS: English, Social Studies, Industrial Arts

MINORS: Math, Science, Vocational Agriculture

ACTIVITIES: FFA 1, 2; Student aide 3; Pep Club 4; Junior class play



Rebecca Enriquez Lugo
EXCHANGE STUDENT.

CLASSES: Publications, Home Economics, Government, English, Chorus, Drama, Design Art



Michele Ann Clune

MAJORS: English, Science, Business, Music

MINORS: Math, Social Studies, Home Economics

ACTIVITIES: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2; Cross Country 1, 3, 4; German Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; vice president 4; Buckeye Girls State Alternate 3; Office aide 2; Track 1, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior class play, Student of the nine weeks 2



Luanne Kathleen Fannon

MAJORS: English, Science, Social Studies

MINORS: Math, Business, Home Economics

ACTIVITIES: Chorus 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student aide 3, 4; Junior class play



Wendy Kay Cummins

MAJORS: English, Vocational Agriculture

MINORS: Math, Science, Spanish, Social Studies

ACTIVITIES: Wapakoneta High School, Art Club 3; Spanish Club 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Chaplain 3; FFA Student Adviser 4; Basketball 1

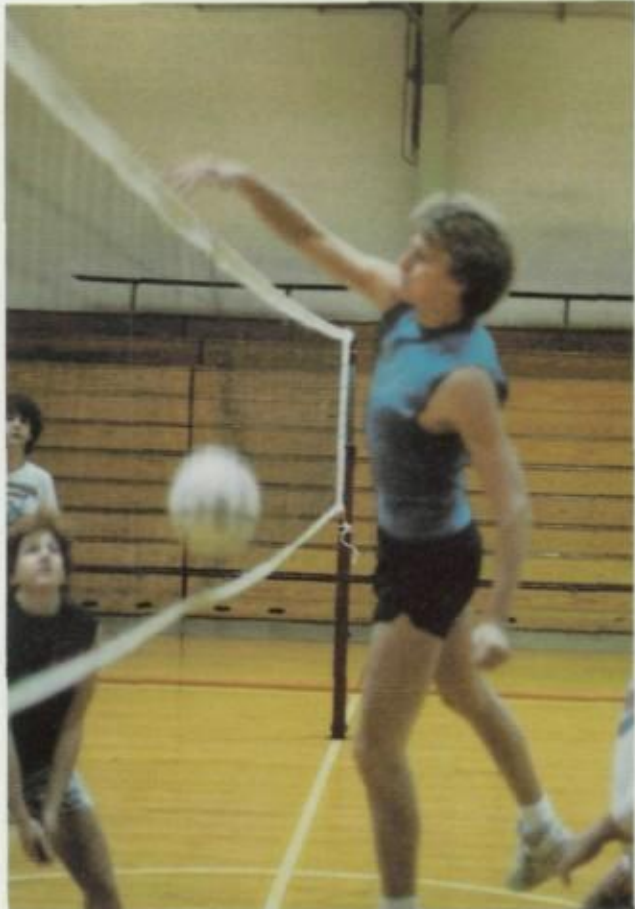


George Allen Franks

MAJORS: English, Vocational Agriculture, Industrial Arts

MINORS: Math, Social Studies





Far top left, Julia Schroer does her shorthand homework in chemistry class once again. **Middle left,** Scott McCabe shows his rock star potential in gym class. **Top center,** "David, where's your pass?" Senior David Cleland roams the hall leaving last period early for work at Katterheinrich Motors. **Top right,** Doug Merges shows off his strength by putting one down in first period gym class. **Bottom left,** Julie Katterheinrich shoots an evil look at yearbook photographer, Rick Neuman. Julie is busy designing a layout for the Sesquicentennial yearbook. **Bottom center,** "Dad, when you gonna eat that finger?" Mr. Bornhorst gets excited while discussing parts of the body in physiology, an elective course to juniors and seniors. **Bottom right,** Kelly Howe, an aide for Mr. Braden, smiles while playing a game on his computer.

Athletics important to twins in '77

Mark and Marcia Niemeyer are the twins of the Class of 1977. During her senior year Marcia's subjects included shorthand, government, office practice and ag business. Ag business was a work-study course which allowed her to work half the day. Mark took government, office practice, business law, contemporary history and gym.

Mark and Marcia both agreed the most memorable moment in their senior year was beating state-ranked St. Henry in basketball. A couple of weeks before, New Knoxville was blown off the court by Coldwater, and the week before that St. Henry had killed Coldwater. They both remember it being a close game until the final minutes. New Knoxville prevailed, beating St. Henry by 10 points. "The mothers were in the locker room and the team couldn't get undressed," recalls Mark.

Mark remembers another time in sports, losing the district finals in baseball. The Rangers were ahead 7-0 until the last inning when they let the other

team score eight runs.

Each also recalled an event from their early high school careers. Marcia's story is not only funny but embarrassing. During driver's ed Marcia had to get gas at Katterheinrich's. The attendant slapped the hood as if he were done. Marcia started off, only to look back and see a flying gas hose going crazy. She had ripped off the hose of the pump and gas was flying everywhere.

Mark remembers being a sophomore in vo ag with the senior boys. One time they let a hawk go in the classroom. Another time the seniors made a shed appear to be on fire by making smoke come out of it. The teacher went inside and the students locked him in. Afterwards the teacher was left out, but not until the firebells had sounded.

Mark and Marcia take pride in being the only boy and girl twins at that time. They followed their aunt and uncle, Joyce and Joe Leffel, who graduated 11 years earlier. By Shery Wright



'56 grad enjoys sports

Lee Schroer graduated in 1956. He presently is his own boss as a construction worker.

Schroer remembers beating Coldwater in basketball and also going to the districts. Back then they had a county tournament which was double elimination. New Knoxville lost in the first game of districts to Van Del, which is now Lincolnview.

The scoreboard in the old gym had a clock with two hands that would wind down from eight to zero, instead of the digital scoreboard now.

For away basketball games the players met at the Dairy Bar, which is now the Community Library, and rode over to the games in cars. After the ball games, most people went there and would dance to music from the jukebox.

Another memory was being able to get out of study hall and work on the baseball diamond to get it ready for the game that day.

One of his most memorable achievements was being able to jump off the end wall where the basket hung and dunk the ball. There were no glass bankboards in the old gym. The bankboard was fan shaped and stuck out from the wall about three feet, which meant he had to duck under the bankboard and on the way down dunk the ball.

By Jeff Henschen



Bottom: Lee Schroer (as a freshman) and Larry Clausing (sophomore). Top: Dean Hoge (sophomore) and John Schroer (senior). These were four members of the 14-man fall baseball team. Under the direction of Coach John Musser, the team held an 8-1 record.

Class of 1974

Krista Allen
Loretta Bayham
Anne Chalk
Eugene Doseck
Harry Gabel
Jim Harrod
Mary Henkener
Brent Henschen
Christopher Henschen
Tim Hirschfeld
Jill Hoge
Joseph Horstman
Sue Ireton
Rae Ann Jarrells
Martin Katterheinrich
Wayne Katterheinrich
Judy Kellermeyer

Jeanne Kruse
Jill Kuck
Lou Anne Kuck
Randy Kuck
Julie McCullough
Kelly Murray
Stanley Randall
Deborah Rehmert
Jane Sager
Jeff Schrolucke
Lois Settlage
Charlene Smothers
Gary Spring
Vicki Stork
Steve Wierwille
Lynn Worthman
David Zwiep

Kuhlman notes changes since 1922

Mrs. Matilda Kuhlman (nee Elshoff) has been a resident of New Knoxville for 80 years. Born on April 29, 1905, Mrs. Kuhlman walked to a country school from her family's farm which was located four miles out of town.

When Kuhlman was a freshman, she drove her horse and buggy to New Knoxville High School. For three years, she took classes such as English, Latin, history, agriculture and music.

In the morning before school began, all of the students lined up outside and waited for a teacher to take them into school, keeping time with a drummer. They separated into their classes inside school: kindergarten through sixth grade were in the lower hall while the rest of the students were above.

As the weather grew colder in the winter months, the teachers would light pot-belly stoves located in the center of the room. "Sometimes the boys would bring in wood to help," Kuhlman remembers.

Other memories that Kuhlman shared were also interesting. Her high school "prom" was given by the sophomores to the juniors. This was a program with no fancy decorations and no music for dancing. The girls didn't wear formals as they do now, although they

did dress nicely.

The class plays that today's seniors give are similar to the ones of yesterday, but they are also less complicated. Instead of one play, Kuhlman's class gave a minstrel, which had several activities in it. This was put on at the old Town Hall.

Athletics in 1922 correspond with today's. Basketball was the only sport played by both boys and girls. In fact, the basketball program for girls began in Kuhlman's junior year. Several of her friends participated, but she did not.

Perhaps one of Kuhlman's fondest memories was her first date. Although it was approximately 65 years ago, she remembers it well. Leroy Kuhlman, later to be her husband, drove Matilda to a picnic in Fort Loramie in the afternoon. They spent some time there with friends, but left early enough to get to the theater to see the current flick. Their date was not unlike a date a teenager in 1985 may have.

Kuhlman's last year at New Knoxville was 1922. She graduated along with 16 other students. According to her, it was a "big class at that time." These youths were the last to be graduated as juniors.

By Dionna Hoelscher



Built in 1915, this Hoge Brush Schoolhouse cost \$18,000 to erect. Basketball games were held in the top of the old Town Hall until a \$22,000 addition was added to the school in 1926.

Class of 1975

Cindy Bambauer
Ruth Bowen
John Brown
Lynn Eschmeyer
Linda Eversman
Keith Fledderjohann
Tom Gabel
Timothy George
Randy Haberkamp
Shelley Hillard
Anita Hoelscher
Richard Hoge
Michael Horstman
Mark Katterheinrich
Patty Kruse
Gene Kuck
Kurt Lauth
Richard McCullough
Penny Meyer
Tad Miller
Annette Niemeyer
Dawn Niemeyer
Shirley Rehmert
Clay Rodeheffer
Craig Rodeheffer
Kerry Roode
Paul Schroer
Denise Schuller
Christy Settlage
Christine Shaw
Debra Shiley
Jim Smothers
Harold Steele
Kent Wellman
Beth Wierwille
Sara Wierwille
Douglas Wilkins
Paul Worthman

Class of 1976

Kurt Arnett
Dave Ballweg
Bruce Bambauer
Randy Brown
Bob Cleland
Janice Dicke
Ned Dicke
Kirk Dickman
Diane Egan
Pamela Egbert
Dan Ellenwood
Tad Elsass
Doyle Fledderjohann
Gregg Fledderjohann
Ned Fledderjohann
Jeff Hegemier
Barb Henschen
Douglas Kuck
Matt Kuck
Teresa McCullough
Julie Murray
Marcia Niemeyer
Mark Niemeyer
Mike Prueter
Scott Schroer
Penny Schrolucke
Kevin Settlage
Sue Settlage
Annette Slone
Brad Stephenson
Todd Stienecker
Bradley Wietholter

**Ann Bernadette
Homan**

MAJORS: English, Math,
Music, Science

MINORS: Social Studies,
Business, Home

Economics, German

ACTIVITIES: Band 1, 2, 3,
4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4;
treasurer 2, 3; president 4;
German Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
reporter 2, 3; National
Honor Society 3, 4;
treasurer 4; Buckeye Girls
State 3; Class treasurer 4;
WOBC Scholastic Bowl;
Student aide 2, 3; Honor
Student 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor
roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Student of
the nine weeks 1, 2, 3, 4;
Student of the year 2;
Basketball 1, 2;
Statistician 3



**Julie Ann
Katterheinrich**

MAJORS: English,
Business, Math

MINORS: Science,
Social Studies

ACTIVITIES: Chorus
1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3,
4; Pep Club 1, 2,
3, 4; German Club
1, 2, 3, 4; Student
aide 3, 4; Junior
class play
Newspaper 3, 4;
Yearbook 3, 4



Bart Allan Howe

MAJORS: English,
Science, Social Studies,
Math

MINORS: Business



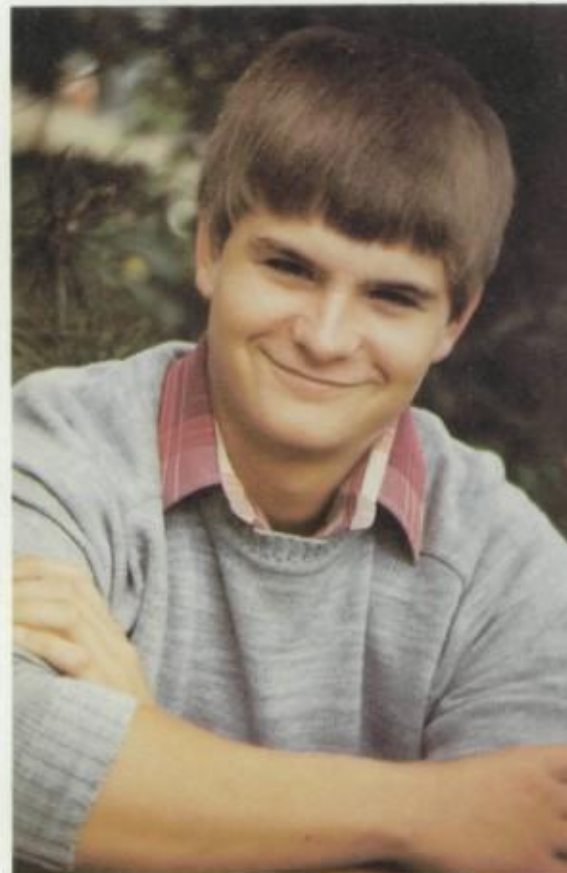
Rob Eric

Katterheinrich

MAJORS: English,
Vocational
Agriculture,
Industrial Arts

MINORS: Social
Studies

ACTIVITIES:
Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4



Kelly Jo Howe

MAJORS: Social Studies,
Math, Science, English

MINORS: German

ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,
2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2,
3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Track 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4;
Class president 3; Class
vice-president 4;
Statistician 2, 3; Band 1;
Student aide 2, 3, 4;
Honor roll 3

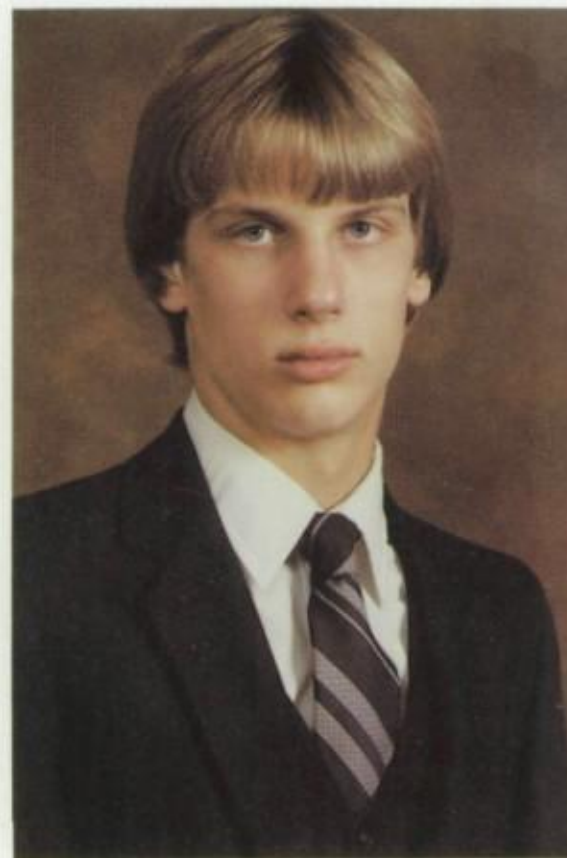


**Bryon Gary
Kuck**

MAJORS: English,
Vocational
Agriculture

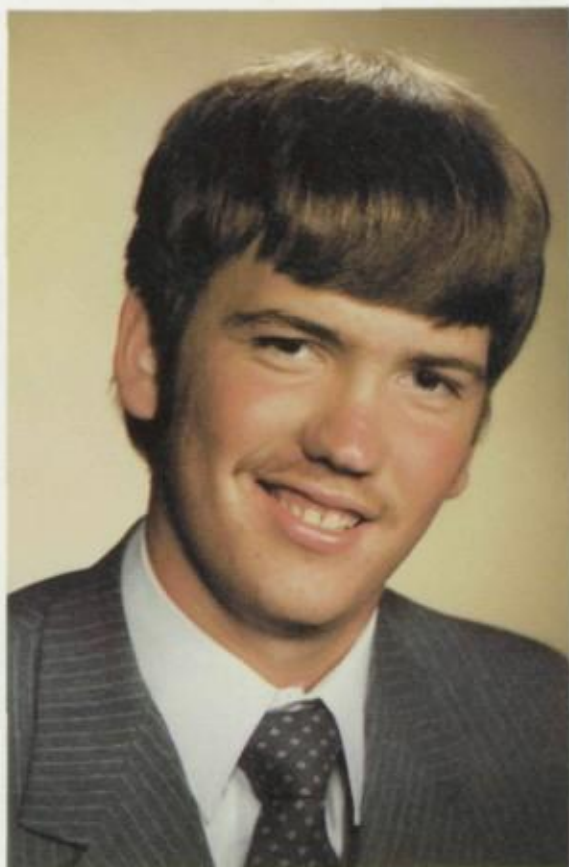
MINORS: Science,
Social Studies

ACTIVITIES: FFA 1,
2, 3, 4



**Jeffrey Lee
Kuck**

MAJORS: Social
Studies, English,
Industrial Arts,
Science
MINORS: Math,
Vocational
Agriculture



**Patricia Ann
Longworth**

MAJORS: English, Math,
Science, Social Studies
MINORS: German, Art
ACTIVITIES: Volleyball 1,
2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; Track 1, 2;
Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4;
Captain 2, 3, 4;
FHA/HERO 1, 2, 3, 4;
National Honor Society 3,
4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Junior class play,
Yearbook 3, 4; co-editor
4; Newspaper 3, 4;
Homecoming court 2;
Student of the year 2;
Student of the nine weeks
1, 2, 3, 4; Americanism
Test Winner 2; Student
aide 4; Ohio Scholastic
Achievement Test 2, 3;
First team All-Ohio
Volleyball 3, 4; USVBA
National Tournament



Sara Jane Kuck

MAJORS: English,
Science, Social
Studies, Business
MINORS: Math,
Home Economics,
Music
ACTIVITIES: Chorus
1, 4; Band 1;
German Club 1, 2;
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4;
Student aide 3, 4;
Track 1; Pep Club
1, 2, 3, 4; reporter
4; Girls' Basketball
Statistician 1;
Junior class play,
Americanism Test
Winner 3



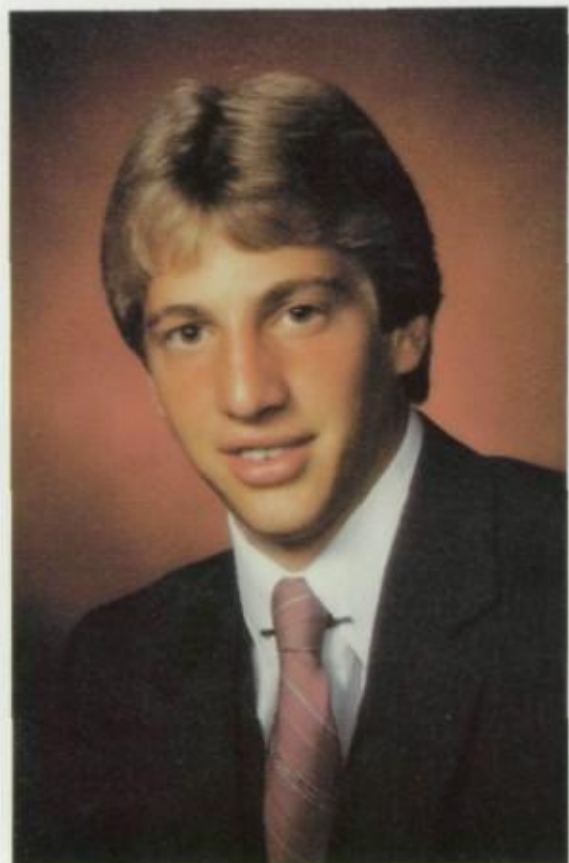
**Scott Michael
McCabe**

MAJORS: English, Math,
Science, Social Studies
MINORS: Business
ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1,
2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Band 1; Buckeye Boys
State Candidate 3;
Academic Mania Winner
3; Ohio Scholastic
Achievement test 3;
Volleyball Video 1, 2, 3;
Pep Club 4



**Keith Edward
Leffel**

MAJORS: English,
Science, Business
MINORS:
Vocational
Agriculture, Math,
German, Social
Studies
ACTIVITIES:
Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; lettered 3, 4;
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;
lettered 2, 3, 4;
FFA 2, 3; German
Club 1, 2; Junior
class play, Band 1;
Student aide 4



Dirk Dale Meckstroth

MAJORS: English, Social
Studies, Industrial Arts
MINORS: Vocational
Agriculture, Math, Science



Halloween and class play highlights for '66 grad

Harold (Barney) Harrod graduated from New Knoxville in 1966 with a class of 48, the biggest class ever to graduate from New Knoxville. Barney chose agriculture production as his career. Today he and his brother Bob farm approximately 1500 acres and have a livestock operation in partnership.

Two memories from his senior year are still vivid in Harrod's mind. "One example is our senior class trip to New York. It was very exciting and for most of us it was probably the first time out of the state of Ohio," said Harrod. "Second would have been our Senior Class play, which was titled 'The Mouse That Roared.' " Harrod's part was Telly Boskome. He remembers that he didn't understand the play until about a week before the performance. Despite this problem, with Mrs. Dennis as the adviser, the play "went off in good style."

The class of '66 wasn't made of angels. "In my senior year, 13 of us were picked up in Wapakoneta for Halloweening our English teacher, Mrs. Dicke. We were arrested by the Auglaize County sheriff, and we spent six hours in the sheriff's office that evening.

After all this, one would expect more trouble and hard feelings from the English teacher, but trouble never came. In fact, Harrod noted that "Mrs. Dicke brought us back to her place and served us soft drinks and something to eat" although she did remind the 13 of the incident at school during the next few days, said Harrod.

"Yea, we did pull pranks, but that was one of the few times we got caught." He admits that the incident really "scared us to death. The funny thing is that Jim Preston ended up being a State Highway patrolman around Findlay. And he was

one of the culprits who sat with us in the sheriff's office."

By Jerry Lehman



Youth Center fun in '61

A typical weekend night spent by 1961 graduate Bob Kuck II was going to the Youth Center, which used to stand where the Party Shop parking lot is now.

The center was a place where students could dance and also sit down and have a soda. It was usually a good time after beating a basketball rival or sitting in the compact old gym.

Owen Hoover, former Memoir adviser, started the Youth Center. "Hoover always got things going around the town," said Kuck.

Kuck was involved in basketball and baseball, the only sports in which to participate at the time. Kuck added that they were a very talented group of ball players and were always state ranked, but they never were able to get too far in tournaments.

The Class of '61 theme for the traditional Junior/Senior Prom was Moonlight Sonata. "The decorations were spectacular," Kuck remarked.

The one thing Kuck wishes he could have done in high school was play football. He reached his goal in his first year at Heidelberg College which was a learning process in football.

"It was scary the first day I walked into training camp and saw all of these big guys with no teeth," said Kuck with a laugh. He transferred to Ohio Wesleyan University and played football there for three years, serving as captain for two years.

By Patty Longworth



John Schroeder, Lee Katterheinrich, Bob Kuck, Bob Snyder, and Steve Kruse clown around before a basketball game during the 1960-61 season. The team finished the season with an 18-3 record.

Class of 1977

Tim Ashton
Debra Ballweg
Karen Bower
Rosemary Chalk
Rusty Elsass
Fred Eversman
Doris Fledderjohann
David George
Jody Gruebmeier
Terry Henschen
Jack Hoge
Celia Jaynes
Ronda Katterheinrich
Craig Kruse
Gail Kruse
David Kuck
Susan McCullough
Ted McCullough
Preston Meyer
Rex Miller
Brad Niemeyer
Kent Niemeyer

Kimberly Ott
Joyce Price
Sharon Prueter
Michael Ray
Michael Rehmert
Bob Reier
Michael Schneider
Tracy Schroer
Lori Schwarck
Matthew Settlage
Barbara Shaw
Beth Shiley
William Slone
Robert Smothers
Candice Spring
Daniel Spring
Thomas Steele
Dean Thobe
Jane Wellman
James Wierwille
Randy Wright

'71 holds fond memories for Kruses

Ron Kruse and Deb Katterheinrich Kruse are both graduates of the class of 1971. Though the pair has been out of school for 15 years, the fond memories are still there.

Ron, was a member of the boys' basketball team. One of his most memorable moments was being on the basketball team that scored 123 points against Upper Scioto Valley. To this day, that record of 123 points in one game still stands. The same team that accomplished that feat, also averaged 83 points per game.

Ron also noted that when he played freshmen basketball, the team won the Freshmen Basketball Tournament in Sidney against all AAA schools.

Deb was a high school cheerleader and head majorette during her high school years.

Her most memorable senior moments centered around the 1970-71 basketball season. "Every senior class thinks that 'this year we're gonna go all the way.' We lost in the

district semifinals, but it was great getting there." The senior class trip to New York also sticks out in her mind. "A bunch of the girls wanted to go to a nice place for supper," she said. "We (about 10 or 12) were walking down the street and asked a policeman where we could go. He directed us to Mama Leonie's. We all had on jeans and were not dressed up. We walked in the door and there were musicians playing violins at several tables. The men were in tuxedos and the women were in long beautiful gowns. The management didn't ask us to leave, but we were seated in the basement by the kitchen."

Deb doesn't think a great deal has changed in 15 years. The classes, for the most part, are the same. "My favorite class was with Mr. Fannon," said Deb. "We had fun and learned a lot too."

Two changes did occur: girls' sports and the dress code. During her senior year girls could participate in basketball but that was the only sport. It was known as the Girls Athletic Association (GAA). "We played girls' rules and played only about four or five other schools. Also during that same year the dress code was changed. Girls were allowed to wear slacks to school; not jeans, but dress slacks. You could absolutely not wear jeans to school."

Some high school functions have changed, yet some remain the

same. In '71 there were pep meetings every Friday during the basketball season. There was also a big bon fire on the Thursday before the first basketball game of the season. "Things don't change, like decorating for Prom your junior year," said Deb.

Topping the memories was graduation. "It was hard to imagine leaving friends and teachers that I had known for so long behind."

Ron graduated from Bowling Green University, majoring in marketing and is presently employed at the Peoples Savings Bank in New Knoxville.

Deb graduated from the University of Cincinnati and is a registered nurse. She and husband Ron reside in New Knoxville with their three children.

By Julie Katterheinrich

Class of 1978

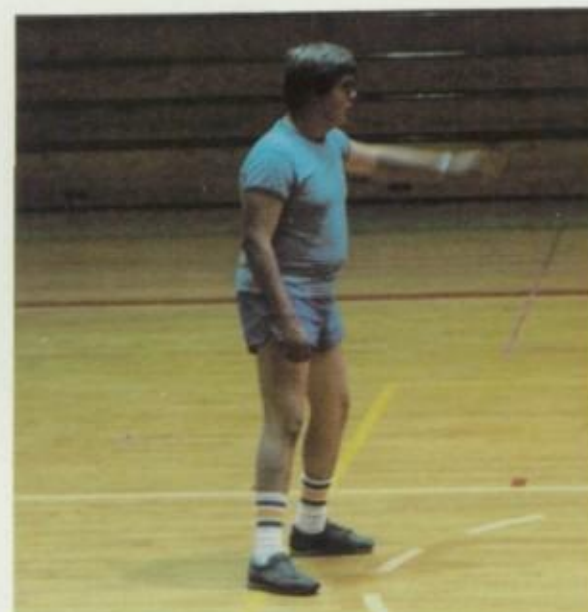
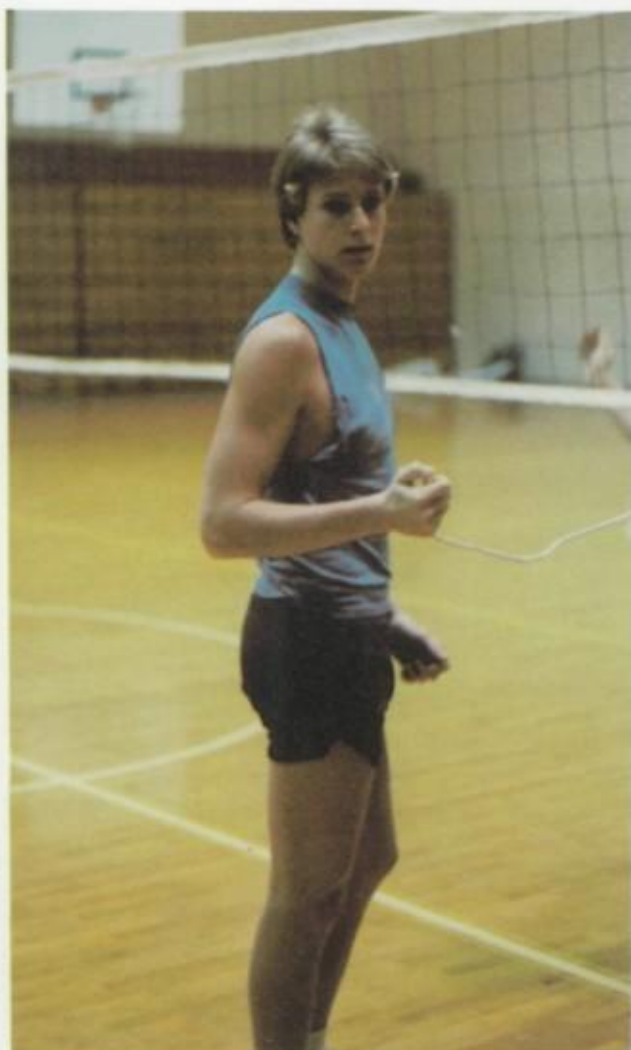
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Gale Sager and Deb Katterheinrich ride in a convertible driven by cheerleader adviser, Mrs. Joyce Titus, in a parade that preceded the annual pre-basketball bonfire.

Class of 1979

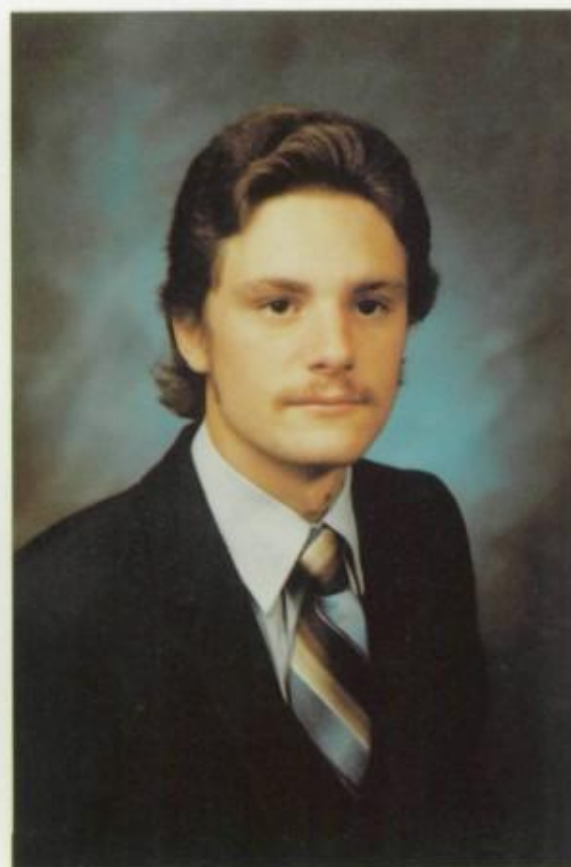
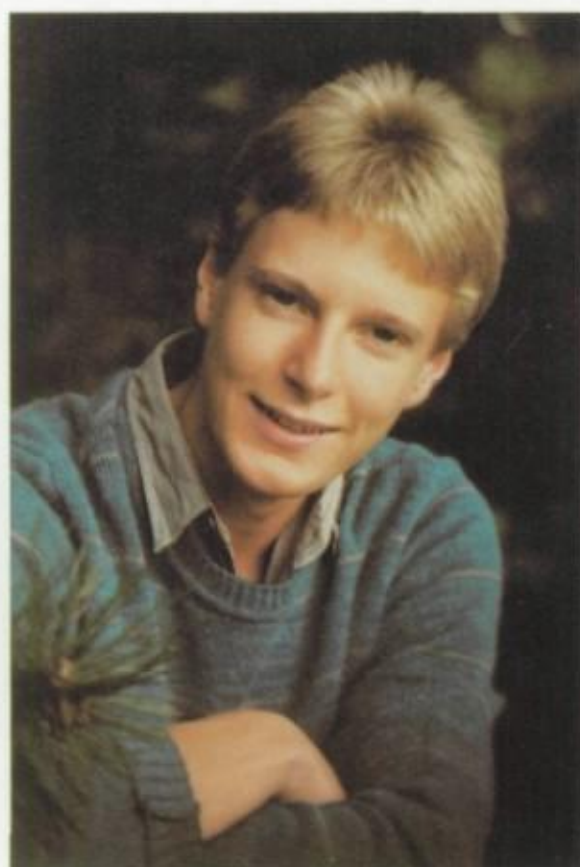
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Jennette Lageman
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Richard Thompson



Top left, "Is this right?" Doug Merges tries to set up the net in first period gym class. **Top center**, "What are you talking about?" Kelly Howe gives one of her famous looks in physiology. **Top right**, John Reineke and Scott McCabe share a secret in first period study hall. **Bottom left**, Keith Leffel and Bart Howe proudly show off their illustration of a liability case against children in business law. **Bottom right**, "That ball was in," Dirk Meckstroth argues during a volleyball game in first period gym class.

Douglas Michael Merges

MAJORS: English, Science
MINORS: Math, Social Studies, German
ACTIVITIES: Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Track 1, 4; Student aide 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; president 4; Buckeye Boys State Candidate 3; German Club 2, 3;



Jay T. Miller

MAJORS: English, Science, Social Studies, Industrial Arts

**Sarah Ann
Novean**

MAJORS: English,
Math, Science,
Music
MINORS: Social
Studies, German
ACTIVITIES: Band
1, 2, 3, 4;
Volleyball 1, 2, 3,
4; Pep Club 1, 3,
4; German Club 1,
2, 3, 4; FHA/HERO
1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;
Student Council 3,
4; Cheerleading 4;
Junior class play,
Student aide 3, 4;
Buckeye Girls State
Alternate 3



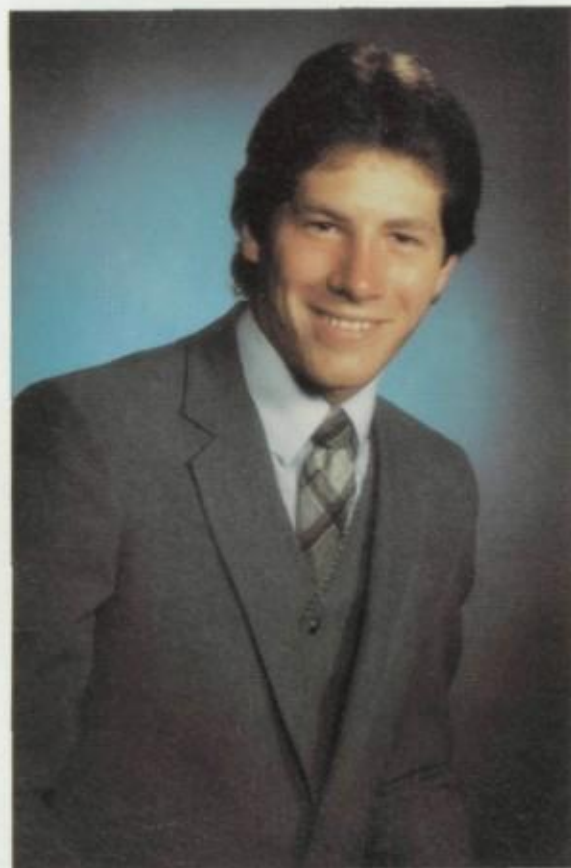
Julie Ann Schroer

MAJORS: English, Science,
Math, Social Studies,
Business
MINORS: German
ACTIVITIES: Cross Country 1,
2, 3; MVP 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3;
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; German
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; National
Honor Society 2, 3, 4;
secretary 3, president 4,
Honor Student 1, 2, 3, 4;
Chorus 1, 4; Scholastic team
3, 4; alternate 2; student aide
2; Tutor 4; Class President 1,
vice-president 2; 4-H Vice-
President 3; Buckeye Girls
State 3; Newspaper staff 3;
Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Youth
group treasurer 4; Country
Chorus 1, 4; Girls' Basketball
Stat 3



**John Robert
Reineke**

MAJORS: English,
Social Studies,
Math, Science,
Music
ACTIVITIES:
Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; Baseball 1, 2, 3,
4; Cross Country 2,
4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Homecoming court
3; Americanism
Test Winner 1, 3



**Kimberly Sue
Schrolucke**

MAJORS: English, Math,
Science, Social Studies
MINORS: German
ACTIVITIES: German Club 1,
2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class
treasurer 1, 3; Ohio State Fair
Queen participant 4; Auglaize
County Dairy Princess 4;
Auglaize County Junior Miss
participant 4; Junior class
play, New Knoxville
Milkmaids — nine years



**Jill Annette
Schroeder**

MAJORS: Social
Studies, Business,
Science
MINORS: Math
ACTIVITIES: Chorus 2,
3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3,
4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2;
Student aide 2, 3;
Cheerleading 2, 3, 4;
County Chorus 2, 3, 4;
Class Secretary 1, 2,
3, 4; Junior class play,
Homecoming court 3;
FFA Queen Court 1, 3;
Fall Festival Queen 3;
1985 Ohio State
Jersey Queen; Ohio
State Fair Queen 4th
runner-up; Octoberfest
Queen Contest 2nd
Runner-up;
Publications 3; Queen
Contest 2nd Runner-
up; Publications 3;



**Gloria Leeann
Smith**

MAJORS: English,
Music, Business,
Home Economics
MINORS: Math,
Social Studies
ACTIVITIES: Chorus
2, 3, 4; FHA 2, 3,
4; Student aide 2,
3, 4



Hoge tells of fun in '26

The class of 1926 was the first class to graduate in the addition that had been added to the west side of the former high school, which is now the Hoge Brush Company. Joel Hoge was one of the 1926 graduates. Hoge's class was a small one, numbering eight girls and six boys. He is presently the only living man from that class.

Hoge was a very active student in high school. He participated every year in the class plays and sang in the school quartet in 1925 with Carl Hall, Lawrence Holtkamp and Walter Hoelscher. Hoge was also the vice-president of his class and played basketball and baseball. As a pastime he enjoyed trapping with his friends.

Hoge recalls an incident from those days. He and Orley Henkener once went out on the first day of trapping season and caught several skunks, which they brought home. Before school started that day the boys both changed their clothes and then rubbed the skunks all over their clothes. They went to school smelling like skunks and were sent home. After Orley and Joel got home, they threw on their hunting clothes and went out trapping for the rest of the day.

By Lisa Grimes



Paul Wenger's 1924 basketball team. **Seated:** Alfred Kattman and Carl Eversman. **Kneeling:** Orville Evans, Orley Henkener, Robert Koepke. **Standing:** Lefty Eversman, Mr. Wenger, Noah Aufderhaar.

Elshoff recalls student pranks

Edna (Aufderhaar) Elshoff, who graduated with the class of 1936, told of high school life when she was in high school. The practical jokes played back then were much different from those played today.

Many of the farm boys would come to school smelling like farm animals or the animals they trapped so they would get in trouble and get sent home.

During Halloween time kids would take corn shocks and put them in the middle of the road, or they might just knock an entire field of corn shocks over. Also, instead of toilet papering trees as kids do today, they threw eggs on people's porches.

Edna also told of activities they used to have. The operetta was always a popular activity. It was a yearly event that all of the people who were in chorus participated in, and back then almost everyone was in it. Basketball was as popular as it is today, and New Bremen was also the big rival.

By Rick Neuman

1934 basketball team. **Row 1:** Evelyn Kuck, Marion Meckstroth, Evelyn Grimes, Dorothy Katterheinrich, Violet Bielefeld. **Row 2:** Ruth Henschen, Agnes Eversman, Esther Katterheinrich, Dorothy Tinnerman, Agnes Katterheinrich, LaRue Tinnerman, Marie Meckstroth, Clara Moellenkamp, Edna Aufderhaar, Coach Howard Brown.



Class of 1980

Raymond Bayham
Carol Chalk
Rose Eversman
Clark Fledderjohann
Joseph Frankenberg
Janet George
Shirley Haberkamp
Tessa Hegemier
Kevin Henschen
Ted Hoelscher
Ned Howe
Ted Howe
Kathleen Jarrells
Robert Jaynes
Jerry Karch
John Katterheinrich
Marlene Kruse
Debra Kuck
John Kuhlman
Patricia McCullough
Kathy Nuss
Susan Prueter
William Ray
Brenda Rehmer
Jodi Sanford
Lynn Schroer
Lori Schrolucke
Sondra Shaw
Mark Stienecker
Keith Thobe
Dave Thompson
Keri Wellman
Eric Wessel
Gregory Wilkins

Small class of 1946 makes strong impressions

On September 4, 1985, things were small. The area of New Knoxville that extends south of Brookside didn't exist except for one house. Businesses ranged from cement tiles and filling stations to restaurants and grocery stores. Wardrobes consisted of only two or three skirts and a few blouses or two pair of pants and several nice shirts. Also contributing to the smallness on that particular day, the smallest four-year class to graduate from the new New Knoxville school started its senior year. "We were told that we were kind of unique because there were only seven of us," reflected Irene Howe (formerly Holesmeyer) and her husband, Eugene Howe. Both members of the class of '46 felt that this made their senior year extra special.

"We were a small group, so we were especially close," she said. Eventually, this closeness caused the class to choose the play "Cabbages or Dollars" for their senior performance. The play had eleven characters, exactly enough for the entire class.

Dwelling on other memories, Irene laughed and stated that "we were small but mighty. We made a change." In the past the class rings had always been the same style. The senior class changed the style and made them more ornate.

Other changes occurred that year. Both the cafeteria and the Maple Club started that year. The cafeteria was in the basement by the kindergarten room. That room now serves as the high school science room. The Maple Club consisted of those students who had been sent to the superintendent's office for punishment due to misbehavior. Detentions didn't exist. Instead, students received a whack with a maple board.

The home economics class was unusual that year because of the war. "The girls that joined home ec for cooking ended up not cooking because it was right after the war was over and all the metal, aluminum and any metal at all, went for the war effort," Irene reflected. "So we didn't have pots and pans to cook in, nor sugar because there had been rationing."

Some popular classes included cho-

rus and band. Although the entire high school consisted of only 63 people, the band had 37 members and the chorus had 46.

The basketball season was extra special that year also. The Rangers' closest game that year came as a victory over Anna, 22-21. The Rangers were also victorious over archrival New Bremen. "We were bitter rivals. The games were always right down to the final whistle," Gene stated.

The basketball season was interrupted in late December by a flu epidemic. All games were cancelled between December 13 and 28.

However, the basketball season was special because the Rangers had an undefeated season. They lost their first and last game of the season to Middlepoint, 31-20, in the district finals. "If we'd won that ball game, there was a good chance that we would have made it to state because there was no team that could have come close to beating us," stated Gene.

After the games the girls and guys would go to the Double A (Adolph's). "We all congregated in the parlor, and he had a jukebox and we'd all dance," reflected Irene.

Because of the cost of gas, couples dated in doubles or triples and took turns driving. Activities outside of New Knoxville included dances at Eagles in Minster, roller skating and the movies.

Prom was held in the old gym where couples danced to records. The girls wore formals and received corsages from their dates. "We didn't spend much money on prom," Irene said. "When we were juniors, I doubt we spent \$100 on prom decorations because we home-made a lot of the things."

The class graduated on May 16. Unfortunately, the class was even smaller at graduation. "One fellow joined the service, and they took him and wouldn't let him stay even for his graduation," Irene said.

Now all eleven members, six boys and five girls, still are living. Everyone holds a job but one, ranging from a college professor and county government worker to a minister's wife and farmer.

By Julie Schroer

Class of 1981

JoAnn Bambauer
Scott Bambauer
Teresa Bayham
Lisa Chalk
David Clark
Tim Cleland
Carla Cooper
Annette Curtis
Todd Deerhake
Dana Dickman
Jesse Dillon
Theresa Doseck
Tammy Franks
Karen Heidt
Trina Henschen
David Horstman
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Michelle Novean
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Dean Settlage
Jill Shiley
Doug Stephenson
Kenneth Vermillion
Clyde Wessel

Class of 1982

Douglas Ballweg
Brenda Bambauer
Rick Brandenburg
Paula Butler
Amy Deerhake
Larry Eversman
Sally Fledderjohann
Steven Frankenburg
Christopher Gabel
Lee Hoelscher
William Katterheinrich
Cindy McCullough
Michael Newman
Drew Niemeyer
Michael Niemeyer
Steven Reineke
Sheryl Sather
Deborah Schroeder
David Schwarck
John Shaw
David Smith
Richard Steele
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Minna Leena Vanhala

EXCHANGE STUDENT

CLASSES: Publications,
College English 11, Art,
Government, History, East
and West Civilization,
German III

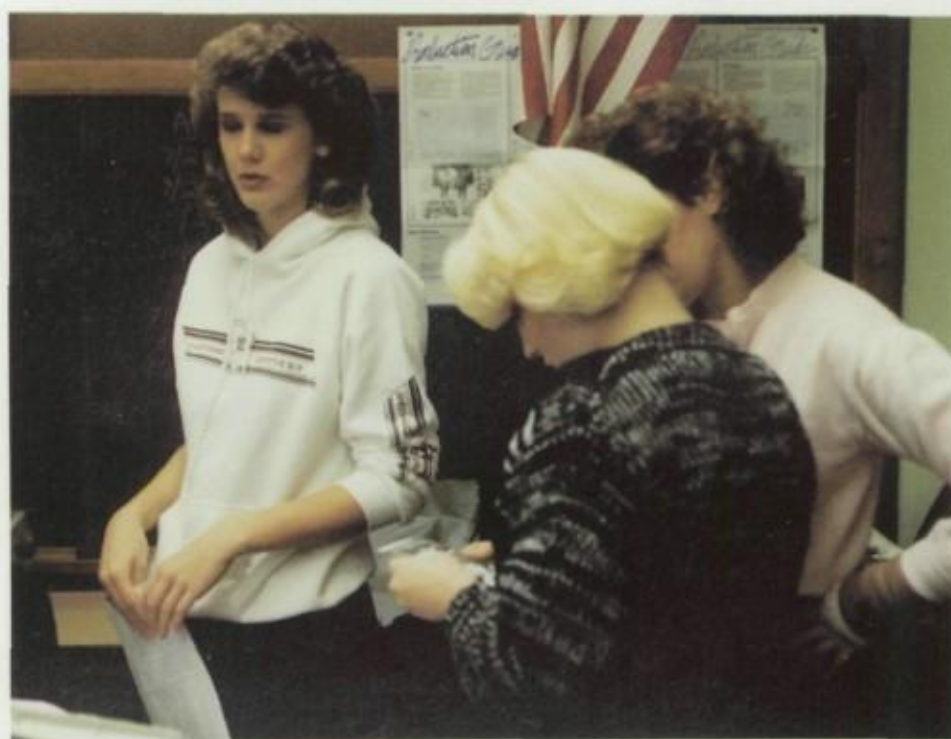
ACTIVITIES: Volleyball



Laurie Leone Wierwille

MAJORS: English,
German, Science, Social
Studies

ACTIVITIES: Track 1;
Cheerleading 1, 2, 3;
Student Council 1, 4;
German Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
president 4; Pep Club 1,
2, 3, 4; Scholastic Test 3;
Yearbook 3; Newspaper 3



Sherry Elaine Wright

MAJORS: English, Math,
Business

MINORS: German, Social
Studies, Band

ACTIVITIES: Volleyball 1,
2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3,
4; Track 1; National
Honor Society 3, 4; vice-
president 4; German Club
1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4;
historian 2; Class
Treasurer 2; Student aide
3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Band 1, 2; Junior class
play, Chorus 1;
Newspaper 3, 4;
Yearbook 3, 4; co-editor
4; Ohio Scholastic
Achievement Test 2, 3;
Student of the nine weeks
1; Honor Student 3, 4;
Fall Festival Queen
Candidate 4; Honorable
Mention All-Ohio Volleyball
4; USVBA National
Tournament 3; Scholastic
Bowl 3, 4; alternate 3;
4-H nine years



Top, Sarah Novean takes a peak at the camera while Michele Clune and Todd Kuck keep working in study hall. **Middle**, Sherry Wright, Patty Longworth and Minna Vanhala gather around Mrs. Oberlander's desk viewing the latest batch of pictures in publications class. **Above**, "Boy, is this Robin Hood book ever good!" Doug Merges recommends his book while Jay Miller clowns around in last period study hall and underclassmen Sheila Miller, Cathy Horstman and Lisa Wibbeler look on.

Learning is acquired by reading books; but the much more necessary learning, the knowledge of the world, is only to be acquired by reading men, and studying all the various editions of them.

— Lord Chesterfield

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.

— H.G. Wells

There is now less flogging in our great schools than formerly, but then less is learned there; so that what the boys get at one end they lose at the other.

— Samuel Johnson

Every man who rises above the common level has received two educations: the first from his teachers; the second, more personal and important, from himself.

— Edward Gibbons

Almost everything that is great has been done by youth.

— Benjamin Disraeli

The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of their blood.

— Logan Pearsall Smith



New Bremen, Ohio 45869

Member of class of 1910 meets Presidents

Elmer Kruse is the only living member of the Class of 1910, the first graduating class from New Knoxville. Bertha Prueter, the only other survivor, died this year.

Elmer remembers two incidents in his last year at New Knoxville. He, Herbert Meyer and Gustave Schroer were playing football with the eighth graders. Elmer was carrying the ball when Kermit and Lester came after him head on. He split the two, and they collided. "Gustava broke his collarbone, and that was the end of football," said Kruse.

"Now you don't have things we did," said Kruse. The class had botany and physical geography. In physical geography they had to hunt rocks. Elmer found a rare stone by Willis Miller's house. It was about two and a half feet wide and 14 or 15 inches in height. They got permission from the one and only teacher, George Kattman, to get the rock. Ben Feldwisch, Herbert, Gustave and Elmer took a horse and buggy to the creek bed and brought the rock back.

The rock was a red quartz conglomerate. It had a pinkish tint with lucky stones every inch. Mr. Kattman called the Ohio State University and found out there was only one other like it. The stones were brought down by the glaciers from Nova Scotia. The class decided to leave it together. Later on when Hoge Brush

was being built, the workers threw the stone down in the basement. "To this day the rock is in the walls of the basement of Hoge Brush," stated Kruse.

The school had no athletics. "Sometimes I wish we would have had them," said Kruse. "We did, however, play baseball on our own, but basketball was never heard of."

Graduation was held on the second floor of the old town hall. The class motto was "Climb through the rocks be rugged." Their colors were black and gold, and the class song was entitled "Springtime."

Kruse was 14 when he graduated from the local two-year high school. He continued his education at Wapakoneta High School until he was 17. before he graduated from there, he had already earned his teaching certificate. "All you had to do then was pass the exam," recalled Kruse.

Kruse later went on to Washington. He worked for the Department of Agriculture. Through his work he met Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman while working in the agriculture department.

"Harry S. Truman, in a way, was sort of a buddy of mine 'cause he was a farm boy and I was a farm boy," said Kruse.

Kruse later became involved in one of the largest companies in the world at that time. He was executive vice president of the Commodities Credit Corporation. Kruse worked for the company to set up food supplies for the future.

After his work in Washington, he returned to New Knoxville where he has lived ever since.

By Sherry Wright

Class of 1983

Robert Bayham
Kevin Chalk
Irvin Coats
Melissa George
Douglas Heidt
Jill Henschen
Stephanie Howe
Judith Kuck
William Kuck
Paul Kuhlman
Matthew Lauth
Randolph Lauth
Craig Leffel
Sandra McCabe

Dean Miller
Lisa Neace
Mark Opperman
Lynda Prueter
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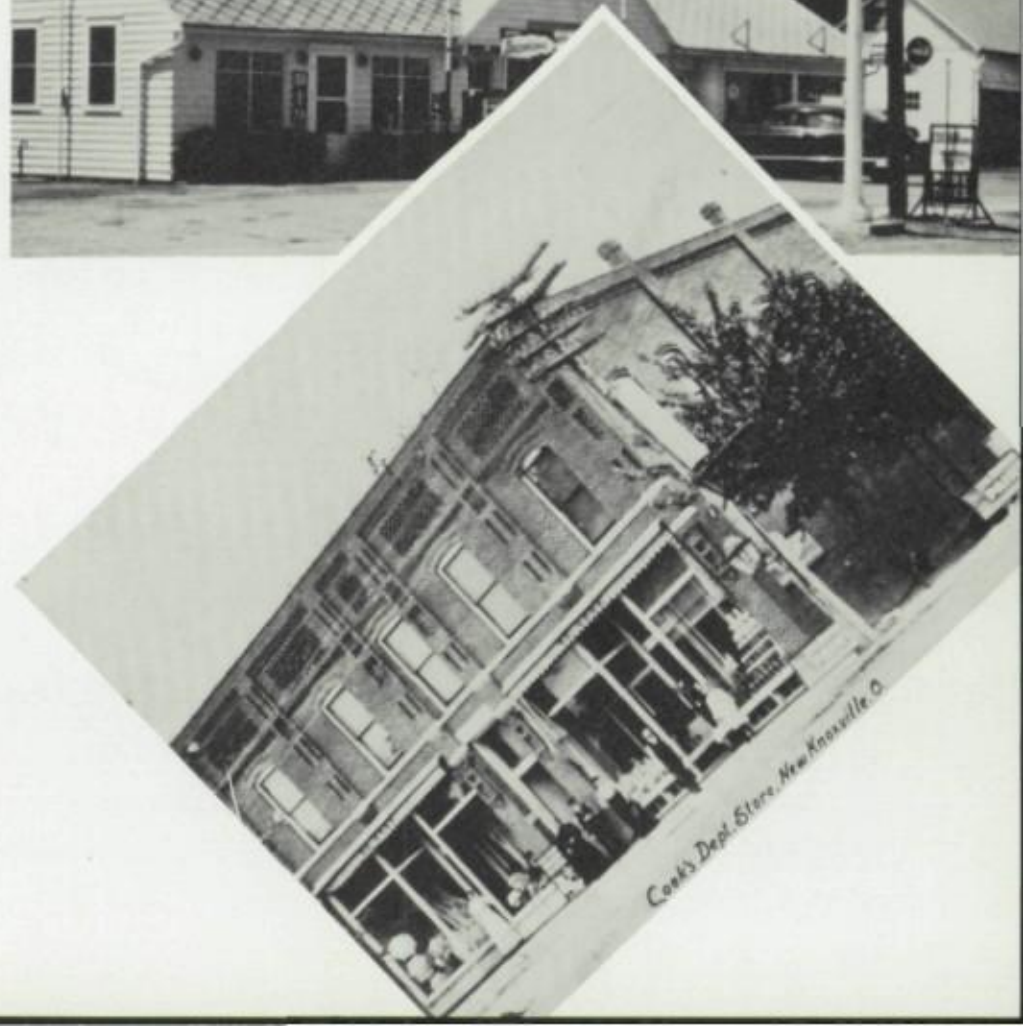
Class of 1984

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Edward Bower
Rhonda Butler
Annette Clune
Kimberly Coffin
Ellen Dicke
Michael Fannon
Chad Huston
Linda Katterheinrich
Susan Katterheinrich
Linda Kuck
Craig Lauth
Beverly Longworth

Michelle Opperman
Jennifer Reier
Charles Rodeheffer
Toya Ruffin
Michael Scheblo
Julia Schneider
Sherry Schroer
Cynthia Skapura
Rhonda Stephenson
Robin Storer
Craig Thobe
Kevin Wibbeler
Dean Wurster



Members of Hoelscher School, two miles east of New Knoxville 1904 **Row 1:** Emil Hoelscher, Ben Lammers, Otto Vordermark, Ferd Rodeheffer. **Row 2:** Frances Vordermark, Ella Vordermark, Lawrence Kipp, Otto Lammers, Jake Lutterbeck, Elmer Kruse, Adella Rodeheffer, Frances Kruse, Elizabeth Hoelscher, Harry Schroer, unidentified girl. **Row 3:** Walter Wellman, Lewis Wierwille, Emma Vordermark. Remaining unidentified.





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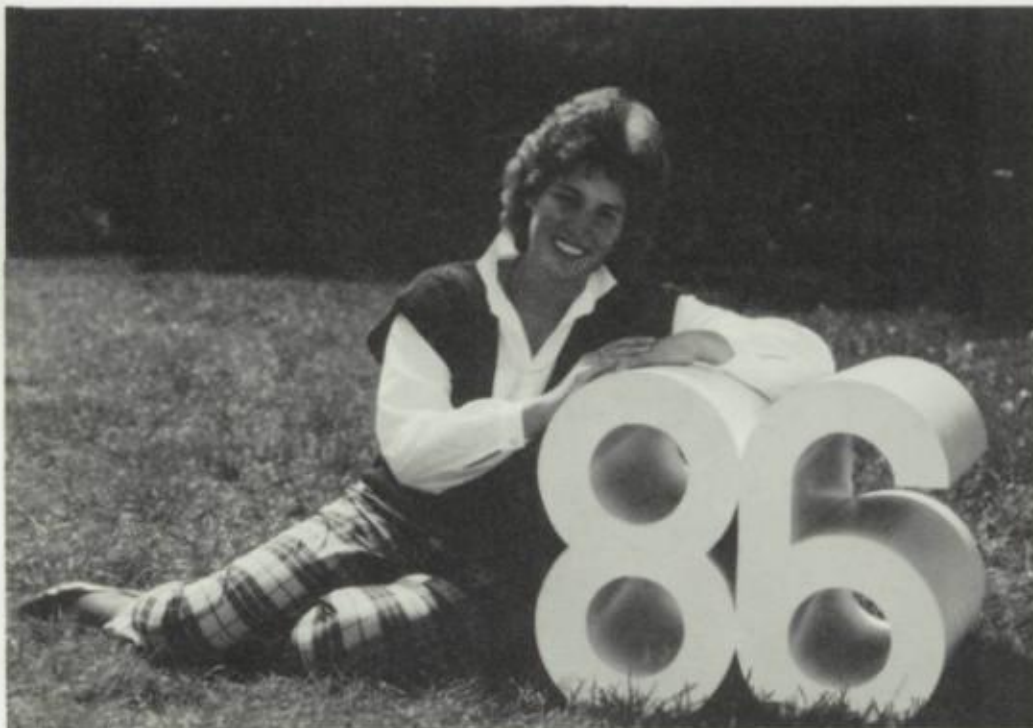
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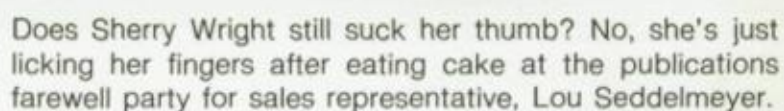
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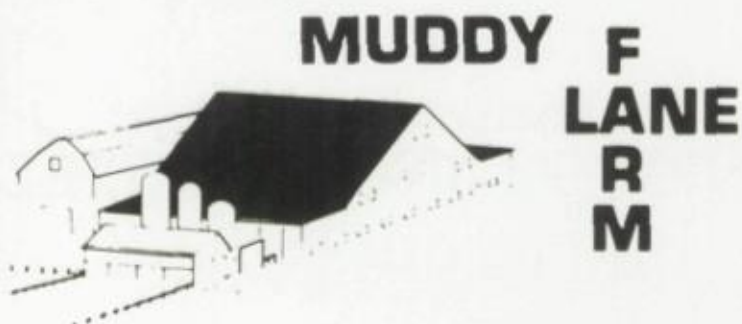
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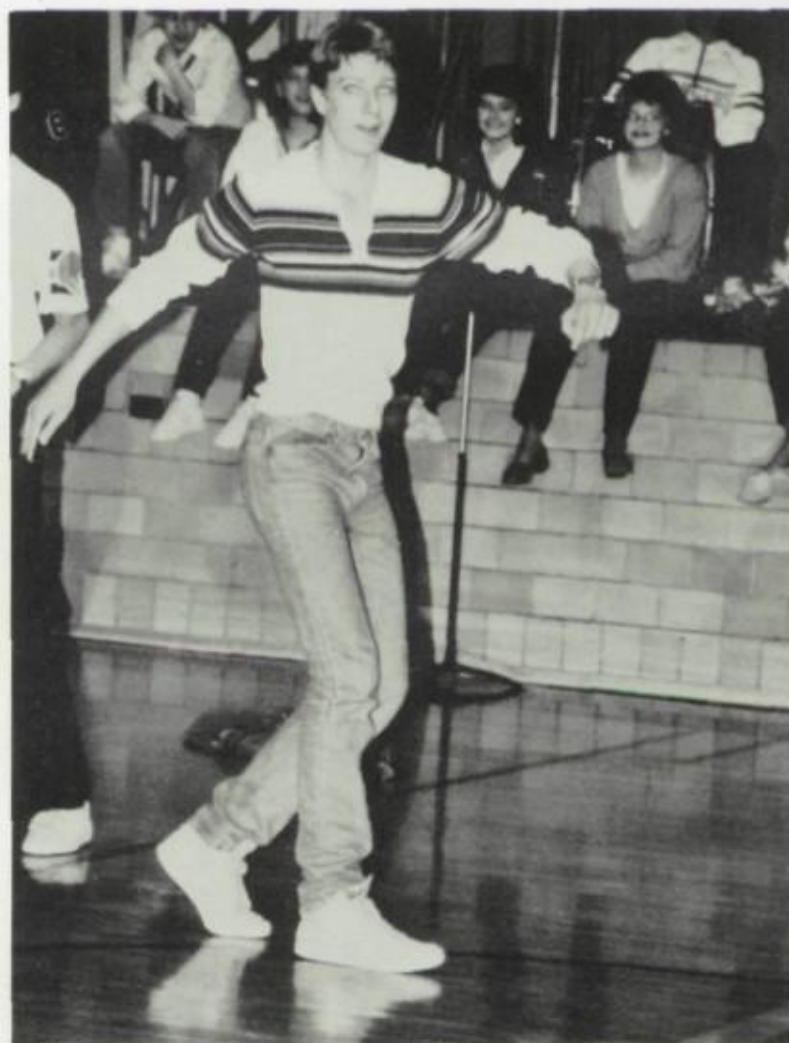
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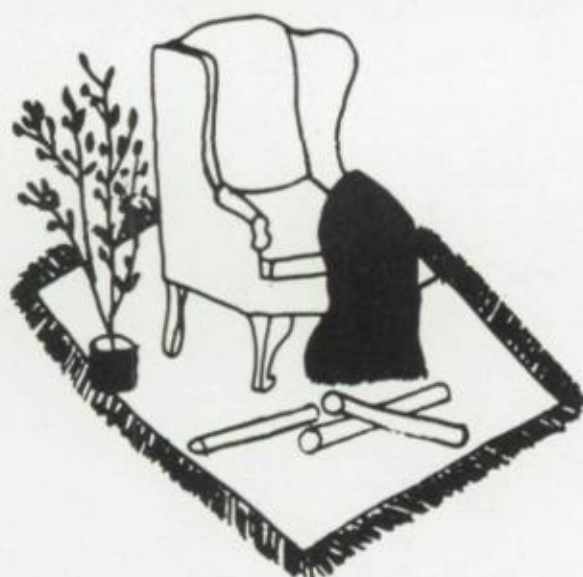
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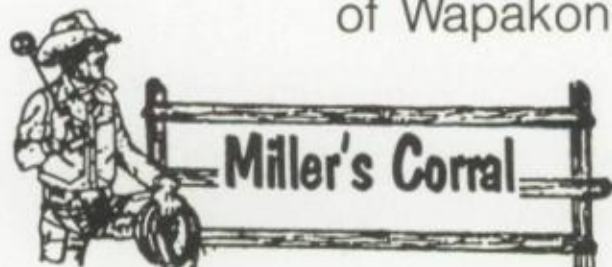
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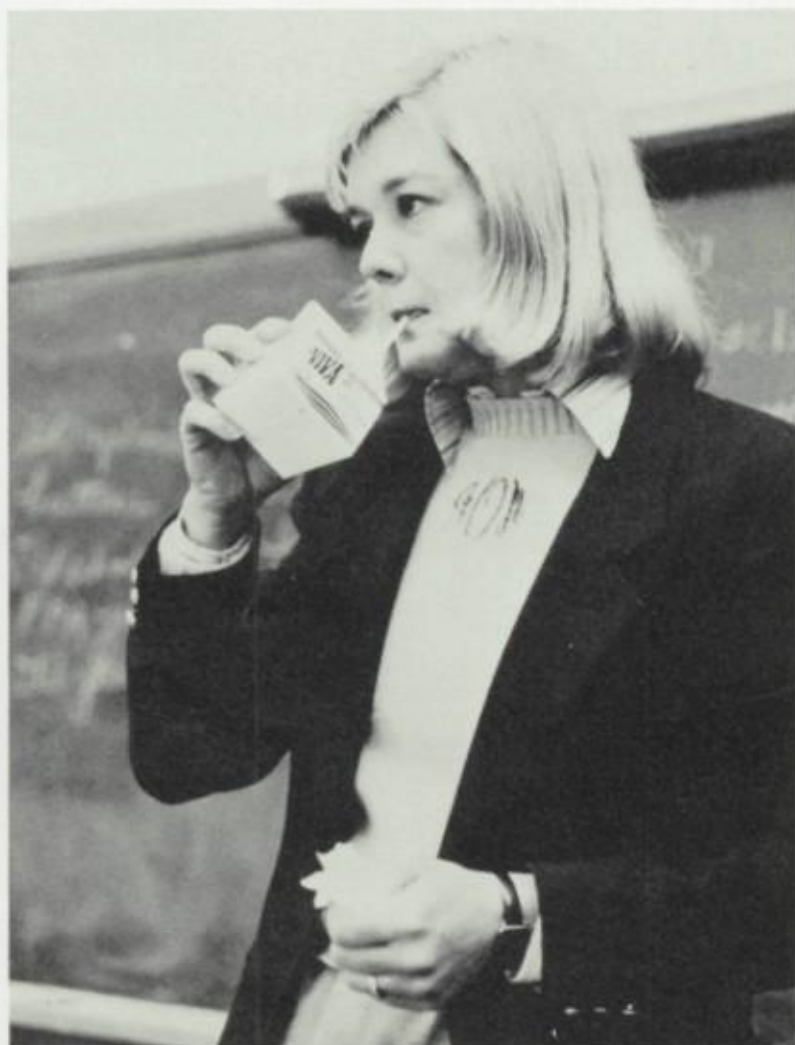
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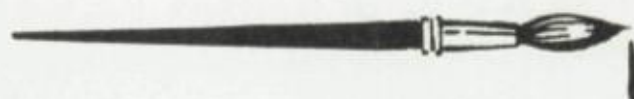
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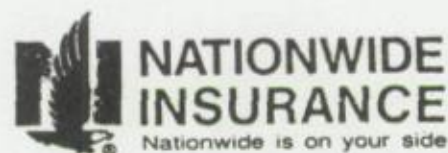
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As a college freshman, John Schoenheit was a confirmed agnostic who thought the Bible was "full of fairy tales and stupid stories." Today, he is part of The Way International's Biblical Research Team, specializing in Old Testament history. The change began when he took a class called Power for Abundant Living.

Raised as an atheist, John scoffed at the hypocrisy he saw in his Christian friends. "I thought the only difference between them and me was that I had free Sunday mornings," John says. "To me, the idea that anybody could be raised from the dead was preposterous."

To satisfy his philosophical hunger, John chose to dabble in spiritualism, witchcraft, and ESP, and he studied Zen Buddhism for more than a year. Later in college, however, he met a graduate of the Power for Abundant Living class who got his attention with one phrase—"Christians are righteous." "People had been trying to convert me to Christianity for years," John relates. "But they always said that Christians are sinners. They always started from an attitude of guilt." John soon decided to take the class himself.

"The Power for Abundant Living class had a profound and changing effect on me, even from Session One," he says. "The concept that the Word of God would speak for itself, that it was not for private interpretation, was an entirely new idea to my mind. I kept waiting for Dr. Wierwille to give me proof of the existence of God. Instead he taught that for man

to try to prove the existence of God is like the Ford trying to explain Henry.

"I went into the class believing that anything goes—whatever a person wanted to believe was all right for him—and I came out of the class knowing there was an absolute truth. I went in doubting the existence of God, and I walked out speaking in tongues. I went in wondering what I would do for the rest of my life, and I came out knowing that serving God is a lifelong commitment.

"As I later went on to earn a degree in philosophy from the University of North Carolina," John points out, "the keys from the class gave me a standard of truth against which I could weigh all the different theories and enabled me to separate truth from error."

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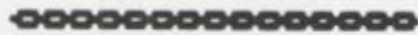
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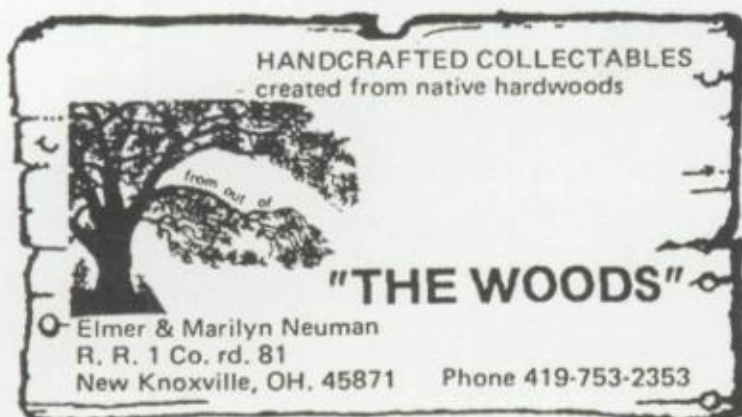
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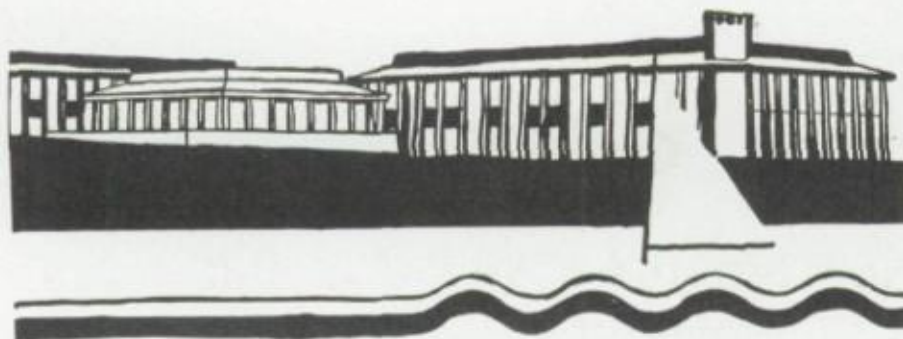
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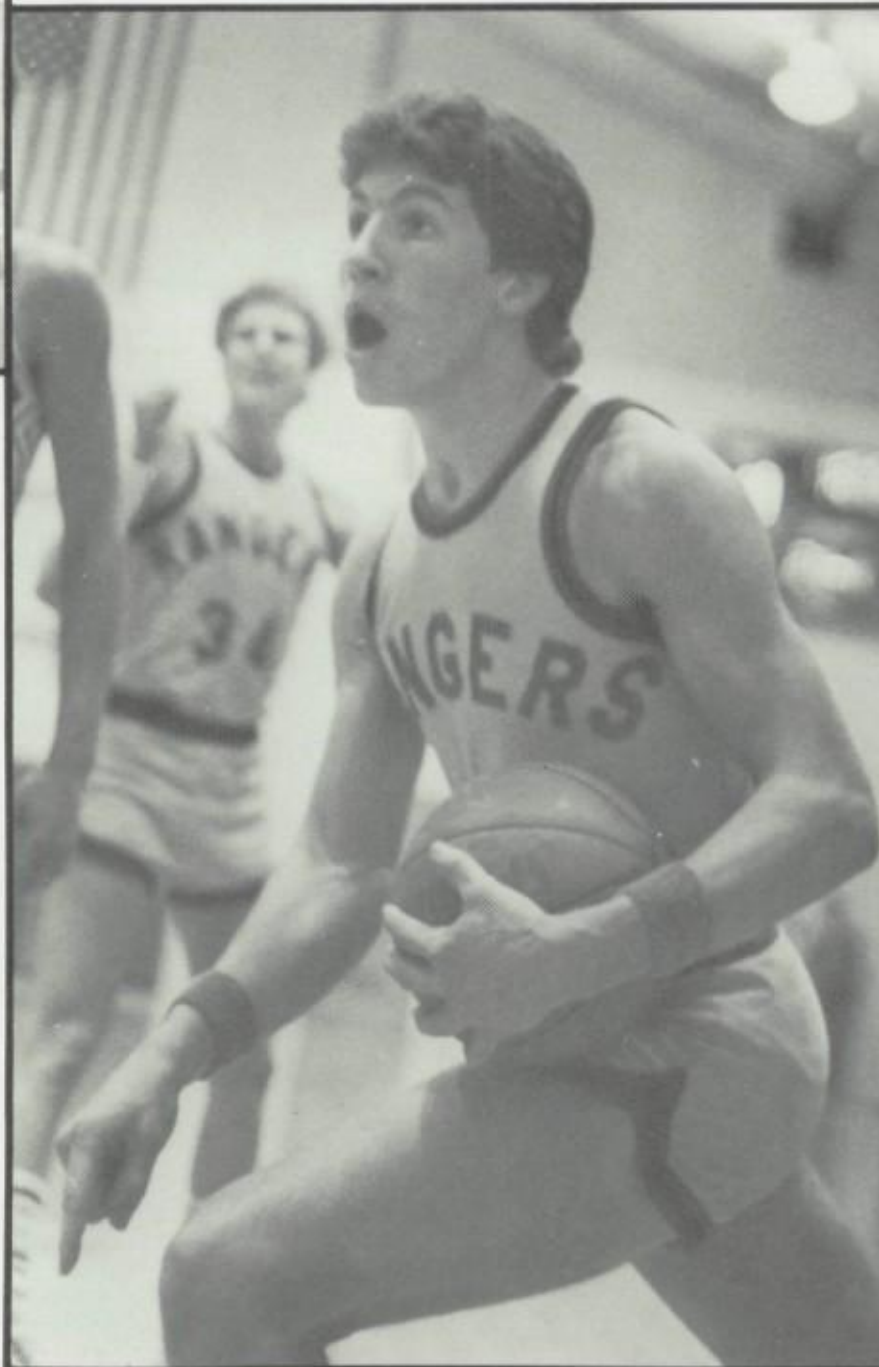
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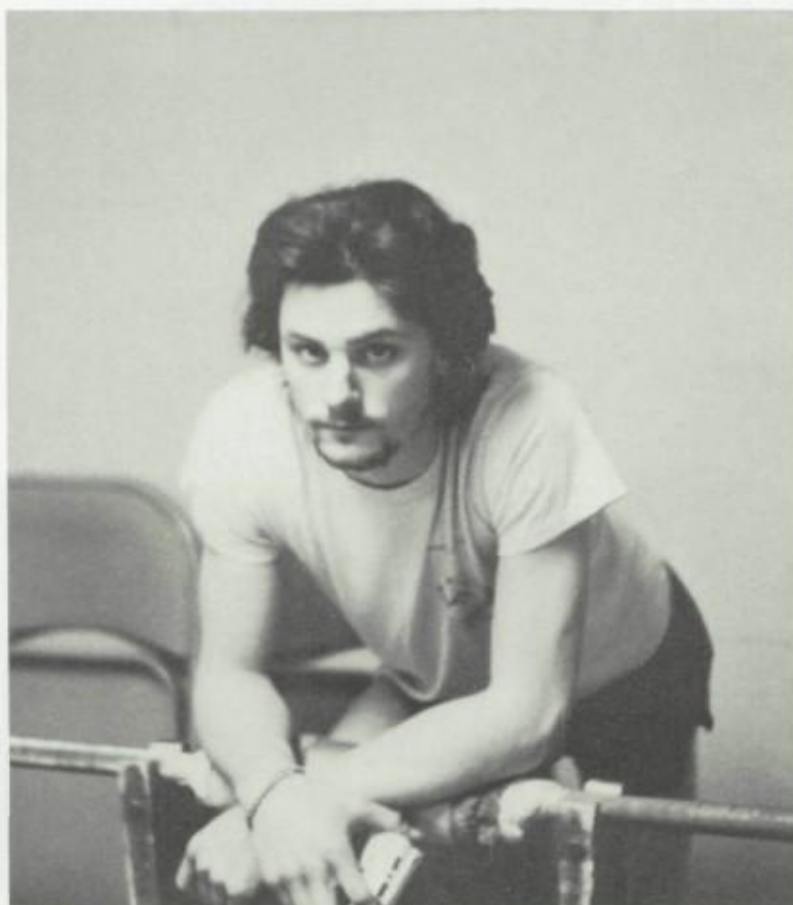


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'42 grad notes changes

Adrian Haberkamp graduated from New Knoxville in 1942. According to Haberkamp, much has remained the same at the high school. Classes are basically the same except that Latin is no longer offered. There is still a lot of emphasis on sports. One major change that has caught Haberkamp's attention is that students in '42 disciplined themselves more than students do today. He added back then kids in high school didn't have to deal with a lot of the pressures teenagers do today, such as drugs, alcohol and smoking. The major problem facing kids back then was the war and the fact that boys were being drafted.

While in high school Haberkamp was a member of the district finalist basketball team, the baseball team, band, chorus, FFA and 4-H. He said while in school he had a lot of fun times, but his senior year was the most enjoyable.

By Julie Katterheinrich

Tourney holds memories

Of all the memories in high, one will always stand out in the mind of Ruth (Schroer) Henschen — being a cheerleader when the Rangers went to state in tournament action. "It was pretty exciting because it was our first time past districts," she reflected.

The cheerleading squad was comprised of eight girls that year. The girls enjoyed interviews and media coverage while they were in Columbus. "I still have the newspaper articles and things at home," said the 1948 grad.

Looking back, Henschen really enjoyed her adventure. "It was just the excitement of being at state."

By Julia Schroer

Sports and pranks fun for Aufderhaar in 1925

Noah Aufderhaar, 1925 graduate, attended the school located where the Hoge Brush Company now stands.

Athletics played a major role in Aufderhaar's life. Throughout high school he participated in basketball and baseball. Headed by Coach Shad, the team won the first Auglaize County tournament in basketball. The games were played at the old Town Hall, which was also the site of plays and community events.

"There were no cheerleaders so we had to do our own cheering," noted Aufderhaar. At that time, only 20-25 fans attended the games.

Aufderhaar enjoyed playing several pranks on teachers. "The big thing back then was to throw erasers," laughed Aufderhaar. One day a student threw an eraser at a teacher entering the door, thinking it was a pupil. "Dust flew everywhere," said Aufderhaar. Another time he and two other students were sitting in the back of the room talking, and the teacher told them they had to stay after school. The event did not end so well. Everyone forgot about them, and they left them sitting there for over a half hour.

Weekends would be spent at Ben Kuck's, located where Adolph's is now. They were only allowed to go if they saved a nickel for a soda. Another event they planned was a visit to Russell's Point, where they enjoyed games, rides and a dance hall. But on that early spring day, "everything was hanging full of snow."

By Patty Longworth

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Fischbach looks back

"There were only 20 some students in my graduating class, and only three of us spent the entire 12 years together," stated 1940 graduate Deloris Kipp Fischbach.

Fischbach's education started in the Brookside one-room schoolhouse two miles east of town on Route 219, where she attended school with children of all ages for eight years. "We got a good education by the time we were to go off to high school," commented Fischbach.

Fischbach recalled her junior class play **The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come**. "It was a lot of hard work, but we had a really good time," she added.

Changes noted by her were those in the fashion area. In those years bobbie socks and saddle oxfords were in style. Hair dos are not at all like they were then. "Hair dos were not blowing all over. They were close to your face or in rolls, not the punky styles of today," she said.

As far as night life was concerned, there was always a basketball game to go to. When speaking of this, she noted, "We had super-star players my senior year. Roger Henkener was so tall he could reach over anyone." Fischbach added, "We may have gone to the movies or to a friend's house, but we were lucky to have ten cents to buy one 16-ounce bottle of Pepsi."

By Julie Katterheinrich

'70's BB fast-paced

"When basketball was played in the '70's, there was a lot of high scoring, fast breaks and full-court press," recalled Tim Hegemier, a 1973 graduate.

He felt that the six years in which he played basketball proved to be successful seasons. When he was in seventh grade, he was able to play on the eighth grade team along with Gary Kattman and Mark Henschen. Their team was undefeated and won the county title. During his eighth grade season his team tied for the league with Minster. His freshman team did pretty well under reserve coach Stephen Rea. During his sophomore basketball season the team won the Wayne Conference League.

Hegemier feels the key to a successful sports program is practice. "In sports one can never get enough practice. People only get one chance at everything, so they should work toward their goals."

By Lisa Grimes

Colophon

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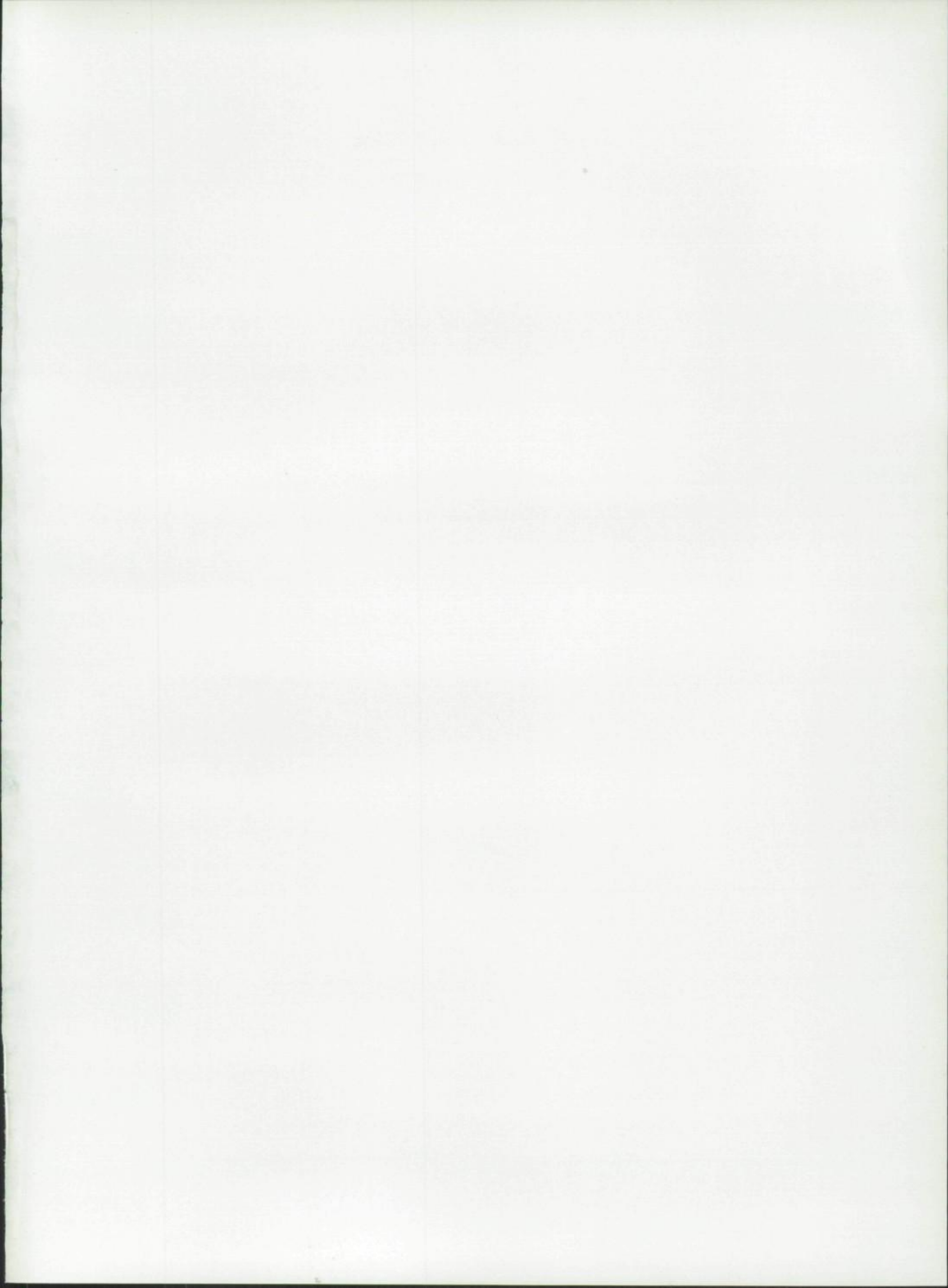
Top, Joshua Speiles marches at the children's Bicentennial parade at the Fourth of July activity. **Bottom,** A fun event in the kindergarten has always been show and tell. Students involved include Amy Fledderjohann, James Wellman, Debra Homan and Jessica Hegemier.

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Several junior high students gather around the WHIO-TV helicopter. News-center 7 came to New Knoxville to film the valedictorian Julia Schroer in her cap and gown.





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